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'COMED FOUR' TRIAL

Line blurs between politics, crime

Focus on Madigan's years of power as Illinois House speaker

By Jason Meisner and Ray Long
Chicago Tribune

The City Club of Chicago dining room was filled with the usual lunchtime crowd of movers and shakers seven years ago for a speech by Commonwealth Edison's CEO touting the utility's new "smart grid" technology and upcoming legislative goals in Springfield.

"She really is second to none," City Club President Jay Doherty said in his gushing October 2015 introduction of Anne Pramaggiore, who at the time was a rising corporate star and one of the country's top female executives.

Then Doherty raised a finger and pointed to another luminary he'd spotted in the audience.

"You know, while Anne's coming up here I just realized we have the chairman of the CHA, John Hooker, right there!" Doherty exclaimed about Hooker, one of ComEd's top lobbyists and the newly appointed board chairman of the Chicago Housing Authority.

"John, stand up! Give him a round of applause!"

On Tuesday, seven years after that portentous event, Doherty, Pramaggiore and Hooker will be together again on a much different stage: as defendants at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse in one of the biggest political corruption cases the state has ever seen.

They will be joined by the fourth co-defendant: Michael McClain, a longtime confidant of then-House Speaker Michael Madigan.

According to federal prosecutors, at the time Pramaggiore and Hooker were being lauded by Doherty at the City Club, the three were secretly conspiring with McClain to funnel as much as $1.2 million in illicit payments and other perks to Madigan's associates to advance the company's interests in the state capital.

McClain, 75, of downstate Quincy, Pramaggiore, 64, of Barrington, Hooker, 73, and Doherty, 69, both of Chicago, have pleaded not guilty to an indictment filed in November 2020 charging

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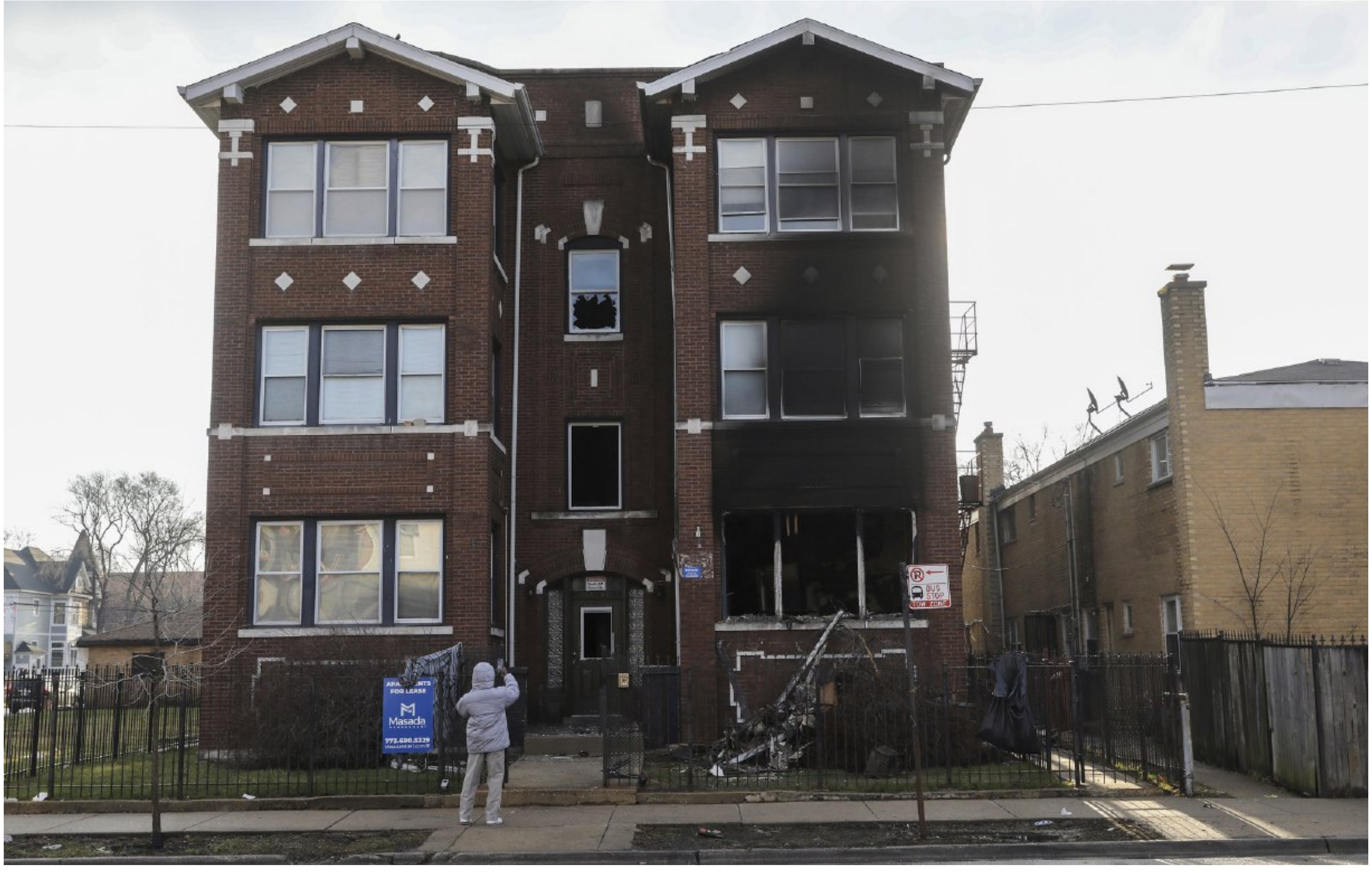
THE FAILURES BEFORE THE FIRES

Fires continue to kill people in unsafe buildings as Chicago ignores problems with its inspection system



A fire in the 500 block of North Central Avenue in April 2022 seriously injured Herrsterstine Burns, 57, who died three weeks later. Investigators found the apartment had no smoke alarms, even though city inspectors had visited the building, records show. **JOSÉ M OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

'THE CITY NEEDS TO STEP THEIR GAME UP'

By Alex Nitkin and Kelli Duncan | Illinois Answers Project
and Adriana Perez | Chicago Tribune

Larry Burns had been planning a wedding reception last May in Mississippi and was looking forward to his mother coming from her home in Chicago's Austin neighborhood.

A smart, fashionable woman who could make a mean taco salad, Herrsterstine Burns, 57, was the rock of the family, whether it was helping a loved one get clothes or co-signing a loan, her family recalled.

But in the early morning hours of April 4 last year, a fire broke out in Burns' apartment. She was taken to the hospital with severe burns and ravaged lungs.

Three weeks later, Burns was dead. Her great-granddaughter, London, then 3, was also injured in the fire and spent a month in the hospital with burns. For the rest of her life, London will carry those scars.

> ***"There are extraordinary blind spots, and the blind spots have consequences. The entire bureaucratic system is suffused with unfunded and underfunded mandates … and we leave inspectors and others in the system burdened with enforcement that they don't have the resources for."***
>
> *—Former city Inspector General Joseph Ferguson*

After the fire in the 500 block of North Central Avenue, investigators found that the apartment had no smoke alarms, even though records show city inspectors had visited the building as recently as early 2021 in response to tenant complaints about various issues, including water leaks and power outages. The building has a history of documented fire safety violations going back to at least 2008 with multiple visits from city inspectors over the years.

"She would have heard some smoke detectors go off in there. She would have got up," said Burns' granddaughter, Danielle Jones. "So I feel like … that really played a big part of my grandma losing her life."

"The city needs to step their game up," said Larry Burns, 39.

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Molding boxers, shaping lives

At 100, Chicago-born Golden Gloves retains its significance

By Rick Kogan
Chicago Tribune

The first-round grimace by Sammy Patton, left, of Columbus, Ohio, was just a preface to his whirlwind finish that resulted in a decision over Claude Cole, of Chicago, at the Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions in 1947. **CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Have you ever watched two men or two women battle one another in a boxing ring?

I mean in person and up close, where you can smell the sweat and hear the grunts and the cheers and perhaps even sense the pride and the pain? Boxing can be brutal and bloody. It can also be beautiful.

But it has likely long been off your radar. Can you name the current heavyweight champion? Know the names of any of the others who populate the professional provinces of the sport?

The real thing has long been a fixture in this city. Boxing remains a significant part of the landscape, even if its reputation has been sullied over the last few decades, and its popularity challenged more recently by the flashier offerings of mixed martial arts

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■ The state's first folk school will open this fall near Champaign, with an eye on how to make its Danish-grounded model more inclusive.

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The Chicago River is dyed green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. **SHANNA MADISON/TRIBUNE**

Revelry, green river mark festivities

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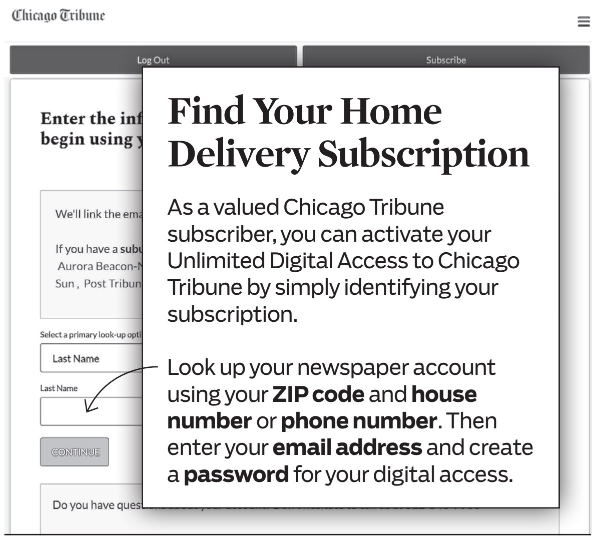

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'Hoax threats,' 'swattings' on the rise at area schools

Increase since fall joins the disturbing trend of real threats

By Rosemary Sobol
Chicago Tribune

A school van is parked in front of Chicago Bulls College Prep, on West Adams Street in Chicago on Friday. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Bogus threats at schools in the Chicago area have left students and staff anxious and law enforcement on high alert, part of a troubling nationwide trend that began in September, experts say.

The threats, besides being disruptive and extremely stressful, can produce "swatting fatigue," or "threat fatigue," experts say, and have hit various suburbs and at least one Chicago public school in the last few weeks. They turn into a waste of resources for law enforcement and can cost in the six figures, according to experts.

The FBI's Chicago office received about 84 reports of "incidents," meaning reports of some type of school-centric threat, whether founded or unfounded, between October 2021 and September 2022, said FBI spokesperson Siobhan Johnson. Between January 2023 and March 3, they have received approximately 10 incident reports per month, Johnson said.

If reports continue at this rate, it would be a hike of about 42%.

According to school safety expert Kenneth Trump, there are two broad categories of school-related threats: swatting threats — prank calls that attempt to draw a swarm of police officers to an address or location — and other threats that are linked to something special about the school, or stem from people or former students who have grievances with someone or something at the school.

These other threats are easier to identify for at least two reasons, experts say: affected students often speak up to an adult they trust, and a "digital footprint" is often left behind, which makes it easier for law enforcement to identify the threat maker, Trump said.

"Swatting," so-named from the massive police and sometimes SWAT response, ends up to be very costly — upward in the six figures, said Trump. These can hit several schools in the same day.

Johnson couldn't comment on data for swatting, but according to the FBI's website, these threats or "hoaxes" have been happening since at least 2018, when the educational media campaign "think before you post" was displayed on their website.

And, according to Trump there has been a spike in swatting incidents at schools nationwide since September, including most recently in Colorado and Kansas. In Colorado, Trump said, "they timed it" to hit cities there alphabetically, within minutes of each other.

"This seems to be the longest streak that I remember," said Trump, who has 35 years of experience in school safety training. Law enforcement tends to "nail down" similar waves like these more quickly. "It hasn't been nipped in the bud."

Recent threats

Closer to home, in-person classes were canceled Friday for the students at Elmwood Park High School after officials said there was "potential threat" and they wanted to exercise caution.

"We received a report of a potential threat during the EPHS student organized walkout that was planned for 10 a.m. this morning. Out of an abundance of caution we will move to an e-learning day today at EPHS," Superintendent Leah Gauthier wrote in a message distributed to district families just before 7 a.m. Friday.

In Elgin, swatting was blamed for an emergency situation on Feb. 28, when a school district received an "unsubstantiated threat" to Elgin schools, the district said in a tweet. The schools were not placed on lockdown and "our buildings remain secure" according to the tweet.

On Feb. 20, Wheaton North High School was hit with a caller's false threat to "kill everyone." The swatting drew a large police response to the school as officers responded to similar threats on the same day at Winnetka's North Shore Country Day School and Wilmette Junior High School. Carl Sandburg High School in Orland Park went on "hard lockdown" when another swatting hoax hit the school Feb. 10.

Meanwhile, in Chicago, swatting hoaxes have been rare, Chicago Public Schools spokesperson Mary Fergus said. But Chicago police confirmed at least two fake threats have occurred in one West Side high school.

Chicago Bulls College Prep, with an enrollment of more than 1,000, was evacuated about 8 a.m. on Feb. 27 after someone called in a bomb threat — their second in less than a year.

> ***"Parents and school officials need to talk to the young people to make sure they know that threat will be thoroughly investigated and there will be consequences. By tracking digital footprints, eventually they will find the threat-makers."***
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> *— Kenneth Trump, school safety expert*

"There is a bomb in the gym, and the kids know!" the caller told the principal, a police report said.

The caller reached a clerk at the school office, who immediately notified the principal, who called 911. The school, 2040 W. Adams St., which put in effect its safety plan, was in session at the time and all students were moved to nearby Malcolm X College while police searched the area using bomb-sniffing dogs. They did not find anything, the report said.

No injuries were reported, and staffers and students returned to school later that day.

The same clerk took a similar call from a male caller at 7:02 a.m. on May 3, 2022.

"There is a bomb inside the auditorium!" After a moment of silence, the caller said: "There is a bomb inside the auditorium and if you call CPD it will detonate!" according to the report.

The school was not evacuated that time, but police searched the school and didn't find anything, and nobody was hurt. The telephone number the caller used did not go through to anyone, the police report said.

Response from law enforcement

If CPS schools have an emergency, schools are trained to call 911, according to Fergus.

"Once a report is made, regardless of the source, we can respond to a report of an incident with urgency," Fergus said in a statement. "We coordinate our respective resources to respond while validating the conditions at the school whether there is an actual active situation or whether the report is a hoax."

Fergus said CPS takes all safety threats seriously and responds to all incidents consistently and thoroughly using "strong protocols" and partnerships with sister agencies in the city, including police, fire and OEMC.

Chicago police spokesperson Maggie Huynh also said student and school safety is a top concern, a priority and regular training is provided.

"We work closely with the CPS Office of School Safety and Security and all schools to respond to incidents quickly and thoroughly investigate all threats," Huynh said in a statement. "We also participate in school safety drills with fellow public safety agencies at schools across the city to make sure we are equipped and trained for emergency situations."

For the FBI, if a person making a threat "has the means to make it happen," the threat will generally be regarded — at least initially — as credible, Johnson said. That determination could change as more information comes in.

"It's always a dynamic situation," Johnson said.

"We gather intelligence to ensure they have as complete a picture as possible and work with other agencies, including police and prosecutors, to determine the most appropriate action," Johnson said.

When agents receive a threat, they evaluate it for merit.

"We consider whether this is likely a real threat or whether someone is threatening something they could not possibly carry out, (or have no intent to carry out), "Johnson said.

Anxiety, stress, confusion and high price tags

For students, parents, and school staff the situations generate a "high degree of anxiety and ambiguity to what already exists" said Trump, the school security expert, referring to the already-looming awareness of mass school shootings.

"Parents and school officials need to talk to the young people to make sure they know that threat will be thoroughly investigated and there will be consequences. By tracking digital footprints, eventually they will find the threat-makers," Trump said.

Trump said it's not unusual to have threats targeting multiple school districts across states within the same day.

"Oftentimes they're computer generated, or digital threats or threats communicated by phone or other electronic means. Oftentimes they originate from across state or international borders," Trump added.

An alarming side effect from the high number of threats seems to be "swatting fatigue/threat fatigue," Trump said, when people become complacent. The majority turn out not to be credible but nobody wants to be that one," Trump said, meaning officials have to investigate no matter what.

And officials haven't been able to stop this latest wave, which began around September, he said.

"It begs the question of: Are the threat makers that sophisticated? Are they more complicated?" Trump said.

The callers face expulsion or criminal prosecution with demands for restitution.

Hoax incidents are federal crimes, Johnson said, adding they usually see younger adults involved. The FBI "constantly" has to reeducate by distributing and coordinating media campaigns.

Real threats already rampant

In Chicago, real threats on school campuses are rampant. Most recently, March 1 about 4:30 p.m. multiple schoolchildren "took cover under a slide," Cook County prosecutors said, when a domestic quarrel led to a shootout ending with the death of Chicago police Officer Andrés Mauricio Vásquez Lasso near an elementary schoolyard. No children were injured and a man has been charged.

On Dec. 16, 2022, four students were shot — two fatally — outside Benito Juarez high school. A former student has been charged.

Additionally, it's not uncommon for students to sometimes bring guns to city schools, which, though also disturbing, is a different kind of threat, officials said.

At least one such disturbance happened recently in the South Shore neighborhood.

On Feb. 22 at 1 p.m., Chicago police were called to Isabelle O'Keeffe school, 6940 S. Merrill Ave., where a 14-year-old boy had brought a gun to school. The student was charged and nobody was hurt. Police said they found the boy inside the school and confiscated a gun.

Schools, while training for these emergencies, should have an internal list for heightened security measures, otherwise they'd close schools every day, according to Trump.

Additional police patrols, more periodic checking of washrooms and a school crisis community strategy is also critical. "So they can hit the ground running, so everyone can get out," Trump said.

"Rumors and misinformation that used to be spread in hours and days, now it's in seconds and minutes," Trump said.

Another issue is evacuating the schools. "You think you know what you're getting away from but oftentimes you don't," and schools lose control of the students if they're evacuated, Trump said.

In the end, the majority of kids don't like these threats, pranks and hoaxes, and become as upset as the teachers. It doesn't help them, Trump said. They have enough on their plate, he said, with academics, sports, and extracurricular activities to have to worry about something else.

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ELECTION 2023 CHICAGO MAYOR

Mayoral rivals highlight their differences

Vallas, Johnson clash over taxes, schools at forum

By Gregory Pratt and Alice Yin
Chicago Tribune

Former CPS CEO Paul Vallas
Commissioner Brandon Johnson
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Mayoral candidate Brandon Johnson, right, speaks about his plans for education funding as fellow candidate Paul Vallas listens during a women's mayoral forum, hosted by the Chicago Women Take Action Alliance, on Saturday. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Mayoral candidates Paul Vallas and Brandon Johnson differed on taxes, schools and the privatization of public resources during a robust forum Saturday largely dedicated to women's issues.

Perhaps the most spirited exchanges between the two were over how to raise money to fund programs and the fallout over governments privatizing services.

Johnson, asked to address his own taxation plan that includes a $4-per-employee head tax on Chicago companies, raising the hotel tax and implementing a fuel tax, said he would always tell residents the "truth."

"We also agree that you can't keep balancing the budget off the backs of working people," Johnson, a Cook County commissioner, said. "So since we agree with that, you will agree with my budget. Help me find $250 million annually."

Vallas, a former Chicago Public Schools CEO, responded, "Let me tell you the truth about that plan," before arguing those levies, such as the hotel tax increase, would decimate businesses and instead the city should implement his plan to repurpose tax-increment financing dollars.

The two also clashed over privatization, with Vallas preemptively saying that method of governance has been harmful and criticizing cleaning deals CPS entered into under former Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

Johnson followed that up by blaming Vallas for the proliferation of charter schools in New Orleans that began under his tenure leading the schools district following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

"You were there," Johnson said as the audience gasped. "You actually did that."

Johnson also dug into Vallas for his record leading the Philadelphia school business and derided privatization as "one of the greatest failures" for female employees. Vallas argued that charter schools, including those in New Orleans, are public schools and touted how test scores rose under his leadership.

The first question that drew a sharp contrast between Vallas and Johnson came early in the forum, when they were asked to opine on private school vouchers.

Vallas framed them as a "scholarship program." He also said he believes the amount of charter schools operating within CPS is sufficient and that the focus should be on expanding magnet schools and programs within neighborhood schools.

Johnson responded by saying the history of vouchers is rooted in white families who did not want their children to go to school with Black and brown kids.

"I believe that the people in Chicago are sick and tired of experimentation on Black and brown and poor children when it comes to education," Johnson said. "... We are setting up winners and losers. Public education shouldn't be doing that."

Vallas then said he would oversee the transition to an elected CPS Board of Education by engaging with the community as well as empowering Local School Councils. Johnson responded by blaming Vallas for the implementation of probationary schools that employed "terms that are used when it comes to the criminalization of people" and that set those campuses up to be potentially closed down the road.

"I'm surprised that I don't get blamed for the sinking of the Lusitania," Vallas retorted before distancing himself from Emanuel's school closures and touting the peace between the district and the Chicago Teachers Union during his tenure as CEO. CTU is now backing Johnson.

Another tiff between Johnson and Vallas over schools emerged in response to a question about minority hiring. Vallas talked about his contracts for Black and Latino people under his leadership and directed listeners to go to his website: "Type in your address. It'll show a school that I have built in your community."

Johnson said back, "Yeah, I don't know if we've ever actually experienced any of the things that Paul Vallas is talking about."

He added that there's unemployment in Black neighborhoods that rivals Great Depression-era numbers and that, at that time in the 1930s, the federal government gave white men shovels before there was anything to dig. Vallas looked at the moderators as though seeking a chance to respond but they moved on.

Vallas did, however, say he left schools with a surplus before he pivoted to attack Johnson's economic plan.

"Last time I looked, working people, middle-income people occasionally also have to take flights too," Vallas said.

Johnson defended his "tax-the-rich" philosophy, however, and said that a teacher and firefighter should not pay the same tax rate as a millionaire.

"That is the premise of the Democratic Party," Johnson said. "No wonder why I agree with it and my opponent does not."

Vallas also grew impassioned when answering a question about the lack of resources for domestic violence victims in Chicago and said the city should "seize" 15,000 vacant residential properties and make them available for survivors.

Lastly, Johnson repeated his claim that his opponent is a Republican and said he'll be better able to deal with state legislators. "It's going to be harder for Paul. I mean, not that we don't work with Republicans, but you get my point, right?"

Vallas turned to the moderators and winked bemusedly.

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People watch the St. Patrick's Day parade in Chicago on Saturday. **SHANNA MADISON/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

Bagpipes, politicians and revelry in fine form for St. Patrick's Day parade

By Hank Sanders
Chicago Tribune

St. Patrick's Day festivities returned to the city on Saturday, bringing young families, couples and college students downtown for the historic river dye and parade.

Thousands of spectators decked out in their best green attire stood behind police guardrails blocking off the parade route on Columbus Drive between Balbo Drive and Monroe Street as things got underway about 12:30 p.m.

Politicians, Unions, and a big potato rallied the crowd while blue skies and somewhat tolerable 38 degrees kept viewers sticking around to the end.

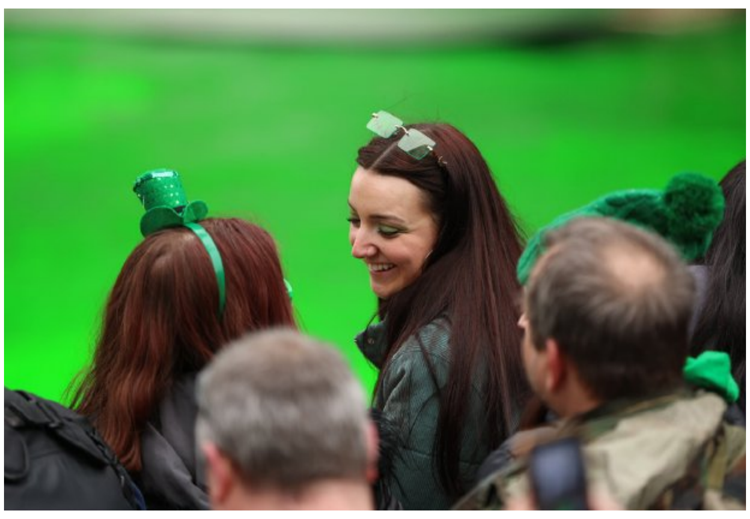
The theme of the 68th annual parade — sponsored by Chicago Plumbers Local 130 UA — was "Recognizing Workers Rights."

Union groups, high schools, and corporations made up a majority of the floats and displays, but the tiny ponies, Big Idaho Potato, and Oscar Meyer Wiener car garnered the biggest applause.

Bagpipes playing "When the Saints Go Marching In" signified the beginning of the parade.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot took the lead sporting her classic fedora in what will be her last St. Patrick's Day as mayor for — at least — four years. Mayoral candidate Brandon Johnson and Gov. J. B. Pritzker were not far behind, waving and smiling as they marched. Paul Vallas, another mayoral candidate, was also on hand.

First responders did their best to guide the crowds into position while police horses with green bows stood watch. No masks were in sight, a sign that the public feels COVID-19 is fully over. The parade came back last year after waylaying the parade for two years.



People watch as the Chicago River is dyed green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Saturday.

"We're just excited to see what we're going to see," Karina Rocha said. "We don't know what to expect."

She and her daughter Madeline live in Chicago but COVID-19 and other life events have made this Madeline's inaugural St. Patrick's Day parade.

"I like the horses, and I'm excited," Madeline said. She declined to give the Tribune her age.

Many — like Madeline — were experiencing their first Chicago St. Patrick's Day. Others with more experience could not help but reflect on how the parade has changed.

"It's so much more corporate," Megan Moon who last came to the parade 30 years ago told the Tribune. "It used to be people, now it feels like it's companies more."

She brought her two kids, Alex and Hunter who both marveled at Oscar Meyer's large hot dog car.

College students came into town either to party at the bars, watch the Big Ten tournament at the United Center, or check out the river dye.

"What's better than getting the community together and celebrating St. Patrick's Day?" Vince Caruso who attends the University of Kansas said.

Another traditional fixture is the Parade Queen. Casey Doherty and her court waved from a float decked out in green frills.

While most people who attended the parade are only Irish for the day, for some this day runs deep, said Christian Baker, who is originally from England and his wife Sarah Geraghty, originally from Ireland. They live in Chicago now.

"We always think it's such a great atmosphere on St. Patrick's Day in Chicago," Geraghty said. "We've never seen anything like it anywhere else we've been."

Geraghty added that tales of Chicago's celebrations are told far and wide.

"I think the whole world knows," she told the Tribune. "It's seriously got an amazing reputation around the world as one of the best places to celebrate St. Patrick's Day."

Before the parade was the famous river dye to kick off the day. By 9 a.m., Wacker Drive and the North Side river esplanade between Columbus Drive and Orleans Street were filled shoulder to shoulder as locals and tourists got in position.

An hour later, members of the Chicago Plumbers Local 130 Union zigzagged their skiffs from bank to bank, dumping red powder into the murky green waters, giving the iconic Chicago River a neon green glow that lasts for 48 hours. People come from far and wide to see the plumbers do their work.

"It reminds us of a Brazilian Carnival," Renato Arrudo said, translating for the group. Arrudo is here to study at Northwestern University.

A Brazilian native, he had to bring his family and friends out to see one of the biggest days in the "beautiful city of Chicago."

With the two large events downtown, the police presence was heavy. Yet, unbeknownst to the thousands of river watchers, just blocks away from the plumbers' boats a crime scene unfolded when two people were shot.

Earlier, red and yellow caution tape blocked off Dearborn Street between Lake and Randolph streets. A police officer told a couple trying to get through that there was a crime scene investigation happening but the road would be opened back up shortly. Both victims were listed in "good condition."

Candy, beads, and empty plastic containers of alcohol littered the roads by the time the parade ended peacefully about 3 p.m.

Archdiocese: No St. Patrick's Day meat-eating dispensation

By Jake Sheridan
Chicago Tribune

Chicago's Irish Catholics will be walking on thin, green ice if they want to eat corned beef on St. Patrick's Day.

The Archdiocese of Chicago will not be granting parishioners a general dispensation on the March 17 holiday from the obligation to abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent.

However, the archdiocese's decision comes with an exception.

"Catholics who find themselves at an event where meat is served in celebrating St. Patrick may in good conscience substitute the general rule of abstinence with another form of penance or a significant act of charity that benefits the poor," the archdiocese wrote in a news release announcing the commutation.

Catholic law empowers bishops to grant the faithful "dispensations" temporarily lifting or modifying church rules "whenever he judges that it contributes to their spiritual good."

For dozens of bishops across the country this year, that means signaling to parishioners that they can partake in carnivorous consumption during the typically meat and beer-filled feast. Bishops in New York, Milwaukee and even Peoria have granted St. Patrick's Day dispensations allowing the faithful to chow down, though many other dioceses have rejected the general dispensations.

Chicago's bishops have granted the gastronomical grace in the past. In 2017, the last time that St. Patrick's Day fell on a Friday, Cardinal Blase Cupich offered a general dispensation, asking Catholics who took it "to substitute for another form of penance for the Lenten Friday abstinence."

In 2006, when Cardinal Francis George offered the city a general dispensation, the Tribune wrote that "the archbishop of Chicago has granted the dispensation as far back as anyone with the archdiocese can remember."

But the decision t isn't without precedent. The Archdiocese of Chicago instructed the faithful to fast and abstain in 2018 when Valentine's Day fell on Ash Wednesday, urging parishioners to celebrate their date night a day early instead.

For many Irish Americans, the tradition of eating corned beef with cabbage, potatoes and carrots on the oft-raucous holiday is all but a sacrament.

But even more important, the archdiocese noted in its statement, is the need to take seriously the Catholic obligation to observe abstinence on Lenten Fridays. The practice offers the faithful a way of uniting themselves with Jesus, the archdiocese wrote.

"That should not be undervalued as we reflect on his sacrifice on the cross for the salvation of the world in this holy season."

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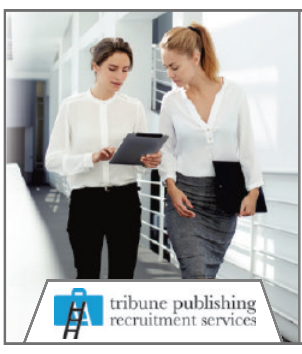

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Juul e-cigarette company settles $23 million lawsuit

City of Chicago says vapes were being marketed to minors

By Hank Sanders
Chicago Tribune

A woman buys refills for her Juul at a smoke shop in New York on Dec. 20, 2018. **SETH WENIG/AP**

The city of Chicago has reached a $23.8 million settlement with Juul Labs over claims that the e-cigarette company aimed its vaping products toward an underage market.

This agreement comes after a 2020 lawsuit, in which the city accused Juul of violating two municipal codes by "marketing JUUL Products to youth" and "engaging in inadequate age verification," among other complaints.

"E-cigarette businesses cannot be allowed to come in our city and boost their profits at the expense of minors," Chicago's public health commissioner, Dr. Allison Arwady, said in a statement.

The settlement also says the agreement is not an admission by Juul Labs "of any liability or wrongdoing, or of the truth of any of Chicago's allegations."

"This resolution is another step in our ongoing commitment to resolve issues from the past," a Juul spokesperson said in reference to a company "reset" that took place in 2019. The company is now focused on adult smokers who want to "to transition ... away from combustible cigarettes while combating underage use of our products."

Vape companies are often criticized for their flavored products, which data shows often attract the attention of young and even underage smokers. "Nationally, more than 8 of every 10 youth, aged 12-17 years who use e-cigarettes said they use flavored e-cigarettes," the Illinois Department of Public Health writes.

As a part of its 2019 reboot, Juul stopped selling all flavored products except menthol and tobacco. Cucumber, mango, fruit medley and other flavors were ditched due to their popularity among young smokers.

The city of Chicago banned the sale of flavored e-cigarettes in September 2020.

"Chicago was one of the first cities in the nation to add e-cigarettes to its Clean Indoor Air Ordinance, the first big city to impose a vaping tax, and the first jurisdiction anywhere to include menthol in a flavored tobacco sales ban, which covers stores within 500 feet of high schools," a city news release said at the time.

Juul has faced scores of lawsuits from cities, states and individuals over claimed youth-targeted marketing. In a lawsuit the state of Illinois filed against Juul in late 2019, the state describes ads with "young models in flirtatious and playful poses" and says Juul used social media to market. As a part of company's "reset," Juul suspended all marketing.

The city's announcement said the Chicago Department of Public Health will use settlement funds to "prevent and reduce youth vaping through education, local policies, parent and teacher supports, cessation supports, improvements in data, and community engagement and outreach initiatives."

Chicago's settlement is one of the largest individual settlements to date. In September 2022, Juul settled a similar suit with 33 states for almost $440 million. Several states have received payments agreements for sums usually between $10 million and $20 million. North Carolina settled for $40 million.

The Chicago agreement also protects Juul going forward. Part of it stipulates that Chicago agrees to not "take any new legal action (excluding criminal prosecutions)" against Juul in the future, barring certain circumstances. Juul must pay the city $2.8 million in the next 30 days and then the remainder of the settlement "later this year."

"The most recent data show that in the past five years, vaping among Chicago's school-aged children increased by 56%," Joel Africk, president and CEO of Respiratory Health Association, said in a city news release. "This settlement will go a long way in the Chicago Department of Public Health's fight against chronic disease."

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Robert Kowalski leaves the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse in Chicago following his arraignment on bankruptcy fraud charges stemming from the collapse of a Bridgeport bank on Feb. 13, 2020. Kowalski was found guilty by a jury Friday. **JOSÉ M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Jury out barely an hour before bank fraud conviction

Lawyer guilty of $8M theft from Bridgeport bank

By Jason Meisner
Chicago Tribune

A federal jury deliberated a little over an hour Friday before convicting a Chicago attorney of embezzling more than $8 million from a Bridgeport neighborhood bank that later collapsed.

Robert Kowalski, 60, was convicted on all counts of embezzlement, bankruptcy fraud and income tax fraud after a 3 ½-week trial before U.S. District Judge Virginia Kendall.

Kowalski, who took the ill-advised step of representing himself in the complex case faces a total maximum sentence of 82 years in prison. At the request of prosecutors, Kendall ordered him taken into custody following the verdict.

Sentencing was set for June 2.

Kowalski is among 14 defendants charged in an alleged multiyear embezzlement scheme that preceded the failure of Washington Federal Bank for Savings, a family-run institution that had been a mainstay in the city's Bridgeport neighborhood for more than a century.

Kowalski, who was a large debtor of the bank when it was closed by regulators in December 2017, was accusing of conspiring with the bank's president, John Gembara, to rack up millions in collateral-free loans, then lying about and concealing assets and income in bankruptcy proceedings and on his tax returns.

Police records show Gembara, 56, was found dead on Dec. 3, 2017, in the Park Ridge home of a bank customer where he had been staying. An autopsy report showed Gembara was found seated in a chair in his bedroom with a rope tied to the banister and around his neck. His death was ruled a suicide by the Cook County medical examiner's office.

The sprawling investigation has already led to one other high-profile trial. Patrick Daley Thompson, the then-11th Ward alderman and scion of the Daley political dynasty, was convicted last year of two counts of lying to federal regulators about loans he had with Washington Federal and falsely claiming mortgage interest deductions on his tax returns.

Thompson, who by law was forced to step down immediately after his conviction, was sentenced to four months in prison and released in December.

Kowalski's trial, meanwhile, came after years of bizarre pretrial hearings that saw him locked up for violating his bond and filing dozens of motions alleging investigators were hiding evidence and colluding with the judge to railroad him.

Prosecutors said in their opening statement last month that Kowalski used his friendship with Gembara to turn Washington Federal into his own piggy bank, getting collateral-free loans to bankroll his real estate developments and using letters of credit from the bank to fool other creditors.

Kowalski, meanwhile, tried to pin the blame on Gembara, saying his friend ran a scheme that allegedly involved years of bad loans, shifting collateral, forged signatures and even cash buried by one of his customers somewhere in the Cayman Islands.

"He didn't start out to be a bad man, but his plan was terrible," Kowalski said in his opening statement to the jury. "It wasn't George Bailey in 'It's a Wonderful Life.'"

Eight people have pleaded guilty to roles in the scheme. Several others are awaiting trial, including William Mahon, a then-top official with the city's Streets and Sanitation Department charged with willfully filing false tax returns and failing to disclose a $130,000 personal loan he'd received directly from Gembara.

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Department of Buildings Commissioner Matthew Beaudet, shown during a March 2021 inspection in Austin, has defended the city's process, saying complaints "will tell us exactly where we need to be." **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Fires

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Chicago's deeply flawed system for identifying and responding to life-threatening safety issues in residential buildings was exposed in a 2021 investigation by the Better Government Association and the Chicago Tribune. Reporters documented dozens of fire deaths in buildings where city regulators had been warned of potential fire hazards but failed to crack down on property owners in time.

Poor record-keeping by the Department of Buildings, inconsistent follow-through from inspectors and the lack of any proactive inspection regimen all contributed to an urgent problem that continues to put city residents in peril, nearly two years later.

In the 21 months after the BGA/Tribune investigation was published, at least 53 more people died in residential fires in Chicago. Five were in fires where the city was told of safety issues and failed to ensure the problems were addressed, according to a review of the most recently available records. Another 21 fatal fires occurred in buildings with fire safety issues that had not been inspected by the city in at least a decade — most of them on the South and West sides.

"There are extraordinary blind spots, and the blind spots have consequences," said former city Inspector General Joseph Ferguson. "The entire bureaucratic system is suffused with unfunded and under-funded mandates ... and we leave inspectors and others in the system burdened with enforcement that they don't have the resources for."

After the investigation came out, Mayor Lori Lightfoot quickly dismissed the findings as remnants of an old system that predated her administration.

"It's an interesting historical piece, but I have to deal with the here and now," Lightfoot said at an April 2021 news conference. "There's a lot that's been done in the two years I've been mayor to make sure that we're stepping up enforcement of building code violations, making sure we've got a streamlined process for holding people accountable and not just having a set of random lists that really mean nothing.

"So I think we have stepped up and done some very good work," she added.

In fact, her administration has taken few steps to improve the systemic failings exposed in the investigation, which later won a Pulitzer Prize for local reporting. And Chicago residents have continued to die in fires that occur in buildings with serious safety issues that city regulators had opportunities to address.

A 66-year-old man died in a fire in April 2021 in a building in the 7900 block of South Phillips Avenue that had been previously cited for a lack of smoke alarms and a dangerous porch in need of repairs. A 67-year-old man was fatally burned in a kitchen fire in a South Shore apartment building in September 2022 that failed an inspection months earlier. And a 63-year-old woman died following an electrical fire in her Uptown home in July 2022 where previous violations for faulty wiring had gone unaddressed.

Unlike Chicago, other cities have inspectors who routinely check to ensure residents are in safe buildings. In Minneapolis, lead inspector Wayne Murphy points out where a fire detector has yet to be installed in a house on Feb. 10. **CRAIG LASSIG/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Following Lightfoot's election loss on Feb. 28, the failed building safety system will soon be the responsibility of a different mayor — either Cook County Commissioner Brandon Johnson or former Chicago schools chief Paul Vallas, depending on the outcome of the April 4 runoff. In response to questions, both candidates expressed willingness to reexamine the system.

The Lightfoot administration, for its part, has resisted an effort from some City Council members to create the kind of proactive, regular inspection process being adopted by other U.S. cities.

The Department of Buildings has maintained an antiquated, disorganized documentation system that makes it nearly impossible to know which buildings are most dangerous, even as many peer cities maintain landlord registries.

Chicago's existing complaint-based inspection protocol is slow and inconsistent, and the city has few options to ensure safety issues are fixed — while other cities have developed innovative and effective methods of prompting landlords to act.

In the case of Burns' building, inspectors visited the property more than a dozen times between 2008 and 2011, city records show. The building racked up more than 50 violations, including some for exposed wires, a lack of smoke alarms and heating issues that led tenants to use their stoves to keep warm.

The city took the property owner to court in 2011, and a judge dismissed the case in 2014 after finding "substantial compliance" with orders to fix the building. Court records offer no evidence that the issues had been addressed, and city officials did not provide any documentation in response to reporters' requests. Records obtained from the city's 311 archive show another series of building complaints reached city officials in 2020, but the Buildings Department dismissed them after inspectors visited the property a few months later in early 2021 and indicated they found no evidence to substantiate the complaints.

Attorneys for Masada Management, which was the property manager for the Central Avenue building at the time of the fire, said in a statement that the September 2021 apartment lease had a signed acknowledgment that the unit had functional smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and that the tenant was responsible for replacing the batteries and notifying management if the devices stopped working.

Reactive inspections

Other cities have built more sophisticated systems to help ensure their residents are safe, with inspectors conducting routine safety checks of buildings that have a history of problems.

In Minneapolis, the municipal building inspection team uses only six out of 70 employees to respond to complaints. The rest conduct safety checks in rotations through a tiered system that prioritizes buildings with histories of violations or scofflaw landlords.

"We want to make sure that life safety is at the optimal, and that we're not placing people at risk," said Enrique Velázquez, director of the Minneapolis Division of Inspection Services. "We wanted to make sure the process was repeatable, and that it was fair and equitable across the entire city."

Each building is given a score based on its inspection history. More weight is given to life safety violations, such as hazardous wiring or a lack of smoke alarms, than to such smaller issues as overgrown grass or insect infestations.

Depending on each building's score, it may be visited by inspectors as often as every year or as seldom as every eight.

"You're sending a signal to landlords that if you don't maintain your property, we'll be on your back — and if you do maintain your property, we'll leave you alone," said Alan Mallach with the Center for Community Progress, a Michigan-based nonprofit dedicated to neighborhood development and building regulation. Mallach called Minneapolis a "model" for building code enforcement.

Other cities, such as Boston, are required by law to conduct rolling proactive inspections over a specific time period — every five years is common.

Chicago mandates some checks for high-rise apartment buildings that are more than 80 feet tall, but the city has no policy of proactive inspections for other residential buildings.

The city's building code used to require that every multifamily residential building three stories or taller be inspected at least once per year. But Mayor Rahm Emanuel pushed the City Council to scuttle the requirement as part of a 2017 code revamp that let officials conduct inspections "as often as deemed necessary."

Under the existing system, building inspectors are assigned stacks of complaints every day and told to follow up on as many properties as time permits. Inspectors can easily become overwhelmed; a 2018 audit by a city watchdog office found a backlog of more than 5,000 unresolved complaints dating back as many as five years.

City buildings officials have defended that complaint-driven process, saying it directs them to the properties needing the most attention.

Chicago Department of Buildings Commissioner Matthew Beaudet declined to be interviewed, and a spokesman for the department declined to comment when asked why the department continues to rely on complaint-based inspections. But Beaudet defended the system in an interview with the BGA and Tribune for their 2021 investigation, saying complaints "will tell us exactly where we need to be."

Any city that reacts only to complaints is "by definition" not equipped to address buildings before they become dangerous, Mallach said. It also fails to account for tenants who hesitate to complain for fear of retaliation from their landlords.

Greg Miao, a senior attorney with the California-based nonprofit research firm ChangeLab Solutions, has advocated for cities to shift to proactive housing inspection systems, arguing that in the long run it would reduce complaints and make enforcement more manageable.

"We're never going to get rid of a targeted enforcement program that goes after the worst of the worst," Miao said. "One way to free up resources to do that is to get everyone else into a better situation where they're constantly maintaining their properties."

Eric Patton Smith, the father of a 7-year-old girl who died in a South Side apartment fire in 2014, said a proactive inspection system could have flagged the lack of a smoke alarm in the unit. Patton Smith pushed the city to toughen its regulations after his loss.

"They're not going out in force. They're not doing checks," Patton Smith said. "If my baby had woken up two, three minutes earlier, we wouldn't be here today."

Poor record-keeping

Like Chicago, Philadelphia has no protocol for safety checks on buildings unless residents file complaints.

But Philadelphia officials have at least one tool that their Chicago counterparts lack: an exhaustive database of who owns every rental property.

To get a rental license in Philadelphia, "you have to tell (the city) that you're renting, and what the unit is, and you have to pay an annual fee," said Karen Black, a Philadelphia-based housing researcher and consultant.

Housing advocates have called on Chicago to build a similar registry as a baseline for enforcement. But Chicago officials have resisted, arguing they already have ways to determine property ownership.

Advocates counter that having a registry available would save time.

Property owners can be hidden in layers of shell companies, and contact information may lead to someone only loosely tied to the property. A landlord registry could ensure city officials have ready access to owners, and "if the person is not reasonably local, have a local agent or representative who can be reached in case of emergencies," Mallach said.

"Let's say there's a fire in a building or a boiler burst in the middle of winter, and the city needs to reach someone to deal with it in a hurry." Mallach said. "If the name and the address (in tax or deed records) says 'Hong Kong, China,' that's no use."

The city's inadequate record-keeping on rental properties was a major conclusion of a 2018 audit of the Department of Buildings by the city's inspector general. The audit found department employees complained of an antiquated software system that required inspectors to print 311 reports, take notes by hand in the field and return to their office to type results into a database. As a result, many serious complaints were addressed months late or dismissed prematurely, investigators found.

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Eric Patton Smith, shown in 2020, pushed the city to toughen its safety regulations and improve enforcement after his 7-year-old daughter died in a fire at a South Side apartment with no smoke detector. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Eric Patton Smith shows a photo of his late daughter in a locket around his neck. He's been disappointed with the city's efforts to improve building inspections. "Politicians get elected, and you'd like them to do something, to show that they care. But I don't see them doing anything." **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

"It means inspectors can't rely on the system to give them the full picture of the property, its owner, its violation history, (or) the rigor and pace of responses in the past," Ferguson said. "You don't have the full context, which means you really have to operate somewhat transactionally on the basis of what's being raised in the moment."

A follow-up report published in November 2019, six months after Lightfoot took office, found that the department had done little to improve its data collection. Despite promises to update the department's software — which another inspector's report called "extremely limited" and error prone — city officials have yet to adopt a new system.

A software update is expected to be wrapped up by 2025, according to a city spokesperson.

The inspector general's audit also found that inspectors were consistently falling short of a city requirement that they investigate every complaint within three weeks of receiving it, at times taking months. Auditors found some complaints were closed without evidence the issue was addressed; others never got a response.

The inspector general's office recommended that the department strike the three-week requirement and substitute deadlines based on its capabilities.

City leaders followed through by scuttling the requirement but did not set new goals; nor did they find a way to speed up response times.

"There's plenty of argument or discussion to be had about whether (the response deadline) was set at the right level, or if 30 or 45 days was more appropriate," Ferguson said. "But they didn't do that. There was no analysis done.

Chicago building inspectors also have wide leeway in how hard they crack down on landlords with code violations. Sociologist Robin Bartram noted the phenomenon in her 2022 book "Stacked Decks," for which she shadowed Chicago building inspectors for months.

With more than 1,100 potential violations on the books, the city's building code "demands discretionary decisions," Bartram wrote. "Some issues are more easily quantifiable. ... More often, though, it is down to inspectors to decide what conditions amount to a violation."

She found inspectors took seriously their responsibility to cite collapsing porches, missing smoke alarms or other dangerous conditions, and many take "stabs at justice" by cracking down on landlords they perceive to be more affluent than small-time property owners.

But the decisions by inspectors, most of whom are white men, affect which properties are prioritized. An analysis by Bartram of violations and 311 complaints in the city between 2006 and 2015 found that building complaints were overwhelmingly concentrated in South and West side neighborhoods, such as Englewood and North Lawndale. Inspectors, however, used their discretion to cite more violations per complaint on the North and Northwest sides than they did on the South Side.

The subjective system is a red flag for Miao.

"Moving away from wide discretion by individuals is really important," Miao said. "We get a lot of inconsistency, it sometimes has some racial or socioeconomic overlays to how that discretion is exercised, it's hard to track and it leads to a lot of bitter feelings on everyone's part."

Lack of follow-up

Another recent instance of the city's inconsistent inspections and failure to follow up involves the fatal fire on May 12, 2021, at an apartment complex in the 7900 block of South Maryland Avenue. Richard Bramwell, 78, died in the fire from burns and smoke inhalation, records show.

The building had a history of lax enforcement after repeated findings of violations, according to records. For instance, on March 3, 2016, the building failed an inspection for lacking smoke detectors and having exposed electrical outlets.

On April 15, 2019, the building racked up numerous violations, including a note to "install an emergency lighting system." The case was closed, but individual violations were marked as open and it was noted as an "active case" in the Department of Buildings' overview of inspection history.

On Jan. 6, 2020, the building once again failed an inspection because of violations that included the obstruction of an exit way. Inspectors noted the property owners should install and maintain approved smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

There were no working smoke detectors in the downstairs unit where Bramwell inhaled a fatal dose of smoke, according to fire department records.

Shacara Montgomery, 31, saw the effects of the Maryland Avenue fire firsthand, as her grandparents, Lovelace and Evelyn Montgomery, Bramwell's upstairs neighbors, are just now getting back on their feet after the fire drove them out of their home.

"It's been a long year and a half with them not having anywhere to stay of their own," Shacara Montgomery said.

Her grandparents heard their smoke detectors go off the night of the fire, which is why they made it out in time, she said. "I think that if they didn't have them, she wouldn't have made it out ... and he would have stayed back with her," she said.

Other cities have systems in place to ensure enforcement.

When a Los Angeles landlord resists a city order to fix an unsafe building, it triggers a long chain of events designed to spur the property owner to action.

The Los Angeles Housing Department can enter the property into a city program that lets some tenants immediately halve their rent payments and send any additional money into an escrow account that landlords can access only to pay for repairs. Or the department can invoke its urgent repairs program in which the city hires its own contractors to fix life-threatening hazards and sends the landlord the bill.

Those processes grew out of an enforcement program that Los Angeles leaders developed in the 1990s to crack down on negligent landlords.

The new program "was important because we found that a lot of tenants were intimidated and scared to complain about conditions ... they feared eviction, and if they were undocumented, they feared immigration issues," said Larry Gross, executive director of the Los Angeles-based nonprofit Coalition for Economic Survival. "So this took the burden off the tenants and protected them from repercussions from a landlord who would target them for complaining."

Gross, whose organization was recruited by the city of Los Angeles to help promote the new program to tenants, said the programs have been successful.

"I've always been bewildered by Chicago," Gross said. "New York and L.A. have all these programs — how does Chicago not?"

One of the only options available to Chicago officials — other than to drag landlords to court — is to place them on the city's Building Code Scofflaw List.

The list dates back to 2015, when Patton Smith, whose daughter had died one year earlier, lobbied the Emanuel administration for an ordinance that would have required landlords to post color-coded signs outside their buildings noting their violation histories.

Instead, the City Council passed an ordinance to stop city contracts being awarded to anyone on a list of so-called problem landlords.

"I thought, OK, it's a start," Patton Smith said. "It puts the onus on these real estate owners, and hell, it may save some people."

The city abandoned the list less than two years later.

"In hindsight, I wish I would have told them to do the color coding or nothing," Patton Smith said.

The Lightfoot administration revived the scofflaw list in 2021 shortly before the BGA/Tribune investigation was published.

The list includes only properties that have been tied up in housing court for at least 18 months or that have been documented by the Buildings Department to have "immediate hazards." It excludes owner-occupied properties with four or fewer units, and it fails to include unsafe buildings that have either flown under the city's radar or have escaped legal scrutiny.

Chicago landlords whose buildings are on the list are ineligible for city incentives, including tax breaks or zoning changes, and are subject to annual inspections. But there are no other penalties.

Patton Smith wrote an October 2021 op-ed excoriating the measure, which he derided in a later interview as Lightfoot's "scapegoat list."

The list, updated once every six months, currently includes 271 properties. None has been the site of a fatal fire since 2021.

"The list doesn't have any actual teeth to it, and if you're on it, it's just like, who cares?" said John Bartlett, director of the Chicago-based Metropolitan Tenants Organization, a local tenants' rights group, also known as MTO. "And they don't even get the worst landlords on there."

Chicago officials have also touted the city's Troubled Buildings Initiative, which works with private nonprofits to scoop up derelict properties from negligent or under-resourced landlords and convey them to responsible developers for demolition and reconstruction. City officials have loose criteria for buildings to be included in the program and are referred by individuals in one corner of the city's bureaucracy or another, according to Anthony Simpkins, president and CEO of Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago, which helps facilitate the program.

"Department of Buildings inspectors may say, 'We've got a particularly troubled building,' and we get a lot of referrals from aldermen," Simpkins said. Like the rest of the city's inspection and enforcement regime, the initiative is "complaint-driven," he said.

Advocates propose solution

Some momentum is building for a proactive inspection system in Chicago.

MTO led the effort to draft a plan to establish a rental registry and gradually implement proactive inspections. The proposal, introduced to the City Council in December, was partly inspired by the system in Los Angeles, advocates said.

Its first major step would create a registry of rental housing units to keep track of building ownership. Landlords would be required to pay a registration fee to support the program, but landlords in owner-occupied buildings with six units or fewer would be exempt if they meet certain income standards.

The registry would lay the groundwork for the main thrust of the ordinance: a pilot program for proactive, periodic building inspections. The checks would be conducted by a new team of building inspectors housed under the Chicago Department of Public Health.

The three-year pilot program would be implemented in three wards — the 20th Ward on the South Side, the 22nd Ward on the Southwest Side and the 49th Ward on the Far North Side — and then potentially expanded throughout the city.

Instead of investigating all possible violations, the inspections would focus on a more pared-down list of issues critical to tenant safety, such as smoke alarms, adequate heating, lead paint exposure and water leaks.

The ordinance would also set a clear timeline for resolving code violations.

Critics of the ordinance say the plan would be too expensive and is not feasible in a city as large as Chicago.

Lightfoot said during a Feb. 16 news conference that she had not read the ordinance.

"What you're suggesting is, I think, potentially a burden on homeowners, but I'd like to see the details of it," the mayor said when asked by a reporter. "As with all legislation, the devil is in the details. But certainly, we've been very aggressive when we've seen bad buildings, both commercial and residential, and we'll continue to be aggressive on that front."

A spokesman for the Chicago Department of Public Health declined to answer when asked for the department's position on the proposed ordinance.

Ferguson, the former inspector general, argues that "Chicago is perfectly capable" of conducting proactive safety inspections.

"It's a matter of culture and it's a matter of political will," Ferguson said.

Arguments that proactive inspections are too expensive or aren't feasible are often "red herrings," said Miao, the policy researcher.

"The story is pretty consistent, that when these programs first go out, they catch a heck of a lot of things," Miao said. "And then they slowly work basically as an incentive to lift the boat of all the housing stock in the community."

Other critics of the Healthy Homes ordinance say regular inspections would be invasive for tenants who don't want city officials showing up unannounced. The implementation of proactive inspections in north suburban Zion was met with a lawsuit and, ultimately, a federal consent decree that barred the city from punishing landlords and tenants who refuse to allow inspectors entry.

The proposed Healthy Homes ordinance requires that Chicago landlords give tenants seven days' advance written notice before an inspection. Landlords could reschedule proactive inspections up to 14 days before the original date. Tenants could leave notes for the inspector if they are not home.

Authors of the ordinance sought to insulate it from legal challenges by specifying that inspectors would need warrants if both tenants and landlords deny entry.

A spokesman for Johnson said in a statement Wednesday that the candidate supports the creation of an apartment registry and a proactive building safety inspection system "so long as it does not place an undue burden on residents and does not violate their privacy."

A spokesperson for Vallas' campaign did not respond to a request for comment. But the candidate wrote in a January Tribune questionnaire that he would order a "comprehensive evaluation" of the city's building inspection and enforcement system to align the city with national best practices and to improve safety.

Patton Smith said he does not blame Lightfoot, her Buildings Department or the City Council for the city's failing building enforcement system. But he does blame them for doing nothing to fix it.

"It may have been happening before you got there, but when you come in as mayor, this problem gets put on your plate," Patton Smith said. "Politicians get elected, and you'd like them to do something, to show that they care. But I don't see them doing anything."

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Former City Club of Chicago President Jay Doherty listens to Chicago Teachers Union President Karen Lewis on May 23, 2017, at Maggiano's Little Italy. **ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Timothy Mapes, former chief of staff to Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan, leaves a status hearing in his federal perjury case on Oct. 13 at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Lobbyist Mike McClain, center, stands outside Madigan's office at the dtate Capitol in Springfield on May 25, 2012. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Anne Pramaggiore, former president and CEO of ComEd, is seen in 2013. **NANCY STONE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

them with bribery conspiracy.

In a highly unusual situation brought on by the pandemic, all four defendants will be making their first public appearances at the courthouse Tuesday, the day jury selection is set to begin before U.S. District Judge Harry Leinenweber.

While the indictment centers on the alleged scheme by ComEd, the trial promises to hold up a mirror to Illinois politics on a much larger scale, reflecting the cozy relationships between lobbyists, politicians and clout-heavy public utilities that depend on action in Springfield, where Madigan controlled the fate of virtually every piece of legislation.

The trial will feature an only-in-Illinois cast of characters that allegedly benefited from Madigan's vaunted political machine, including precinct captains and door-knockers who hustled votes at election time, current and former state legislators who twisted arms in the General Assembly, and those who went through the golden revolving door of politics and cashed in their allegiances in the form of lucrative lobbying careers.

And at the center of it all will be the age-old question of Illinois politicking: How much can the lines be blurred before it becomes a crime?

The case, which is expected to last up to two months, will also serve as a preview of the criminal case against Madigan, who was indicted along with McClain on separate racketeering charges in March 2022.

In court papers attorneys for the defendants have alleged that prosecutors misused the federal bribery statute to try to criminalize what amounts to legal lobbying. They intend to argue at trial that many of the Madigan-recommended jobs were legitimate, and say the feds will fail to show a connection between the money ComEd was showering on Madigan associates and the positions he took on legislation.

Much of the evidence presented by prosecutors, meanwhile, will come from the defendants' own mouths. Prosecutors have outlined some 160 recorded phone calls and other wiretapped conversations that are expected to be played in court, including many where the defendants talk with startling candor about their mutual interest in keeping Madigan happy.

In one recorded call in May 2018, Pramaggiore allegedly thanked McClain profusely for her promotion to ComEd's parent company, Exelon, saying, "the only reason I am in this position is because ComEd has done so well, and you guys have been my, my spirit guides. ... I love you guys."

Other calls will feature Madigan's own voice, including one from 2018 when Madigan and McClain shared a chuckle over how much money ComEd was raining on their friends.

"Some of these guys have made out like bandits, Mike," Madigan allegedly said to McClain as the FBI was listening in.

"Oh my God, for very little work too," McClain allegedly replied, coughing. "Very little work."

At Madigan's doorstep

Unlike the investigations that felled two consecutive Illinois governors — Operation Safe Road and Operation Board Games — the case now known unofficially as the "ComEd Four" was never given a nickname by the U.S. attorney's office. Still, it has reverberated across the state's political landscape due to the breadth and longevity of Madigan's power.

The Tribune first reported in July 2019 that the FBI had quietly raided McClain's home in Quincy as part of an ongoing criminal probe. The newspaper also revealed weeks later that the feds were looking into thousands of dollars in checks that had been sent from current and former ComEd lobbyists loyal to Madigan, including McClain, to Kevin Quinn, a lieutenant in Madigan's 13th Ward operation who had been ousted in a sexual harassment scandal in 2018.

Other reports, including by WBEZ and the Tribune, soon filled in that investigators were focused on the full scope of ComEd's lobbying practices, including money flowing from the utility to Doherty, whose offices at the City Club had also been raided.

The first big shoe dropped in July 2020, when the U.S. attorney's office unveiled a deferred prosecution agreement where ComEd admitted in court that it funneled payments to Madigan's associates through Doherty's consulting company, Jay D. Doherty & Associates.

The company admitted the goal was to influence Madigan so he would look favorably upon its Springfield agenda, which had scored a string of big wins in the General Assembly beginning in 2011. ComEd agreed to pay a record $200 million fine and cooperate with the probe in exchange for prosecutors dropping a bribery charge in three years

A cascade of federal charges soon followed, beginning with former ComEd Vice President Fidel Marquez, who'd agreed to cooperate with the feds when he was first confronted in January 2019 and made secret recordings of his associates.

Marquez pleaded guilty in September 2020 and is expected to testify at trial.

Two months after Marquez's plea the ComEd Four case was unveiled in November 2020, at the height of the pandemic — and the same month Madigan was reelected to the House for the last time.

Others since swept up in the probe include Madigan's longtime chief of staff, Timothy Mapes, who was charged in 2021 with lying to the grand jury investigating the case, and several former state legislators and consultants allied with the former speaker who were hit with tax-related charges.

Mapes is set to go to trial in August.

Meanwhile, the far-reaching bribes-for-favors investigation, along with lingering fallout from multiple #MeToo outrages among his allies, eventually weakened Madigan's once-unassailable political status and eventually cost him the top job in the House in January 2021.

Madigan was indicted in March 2022 and has pleaded not guilty to racketeering charges alleging his elected office and political operation were a criminal enterprise that provided financial rewards for him personally and his associates.

Madigan has vigorously denied any wrongdoing and defended his long-standing practice of making job recommendations, both before and after his indictment.

Not only is "helping people find jobs not a crime," Madigan wrote in 2020 to a legislative panel, it's not even "ethically improper" for politicians to make job recommendations.

"To the contrary, I believe that it is part of my duties as a community and political leader to help good people find work — from potential executives to college interns, and more," Madigan wrote. "What an employer chooses to do with that recommendation rests solely with their discretion."

But prosecutors allege in the ComEd Four indictment that not only did the co-conspirators know that what they were doing was illegal, it was enormously successful, with ComEd receiving at least $150 million in legislative benefits over the length of the scheme.

Among the key legislative victories was passage of a massive smart-grid system designed to improve service and a formula-rate-making plan that critics complained was too lucrative for the company.

In 2013 the legislature endorsed a trio of accounting techniques that helped ComEd's bottom line despite opposition from the Illinois Commerce Commission. And in 2016 the company won support for a consumer subsidy for some of its nuclear power plants and the thousands of jobs that went with them.

The quarterback of it all, according to prosecutors, was McClain, a former House lawmaker who served with Madigan in the 1970s and 1980s and then became a contract lobbyist for ComEd and many other top-shelf clients.

One of the speaker's frequent dinner companions, McClain had Madigan's ear and helped him with campaign strategy and political fundraising. McClain even sent out fundraising pitches to political friends that he called "the most trusted of the trusted."

McClain's closeness to Madigan will be a focal point for prosecutors, who need to prove the nexus between the speaker's office and the benefits ComEd expected to draw from its largesse.

A top ComEd lawyer will describe for the jury how McClain had such a long-standing and close relationship with Madigan that he was sometimes referred to within ComEd as a "double agent," prosecutors revealed in a filing last month detailing the expected testimony.

Among other evidence is a note McClain wrote to Madigan in 2016 saying he wanted to let his "real" client know he was retiring from lobbying but still willing to do "assignments" for him.

"I am at the bridge with my musket standing with and for the Madigan family," he wrote, according to a copy included in the prosecution filing.

And agents who searched McClain's personal vehicle in 2019 discovered a handwritten ledger allegedly showing he was at Madigan's beck and call "24/7," helping to manage the speaker's ever-growing list of associates working as ComEd subcontractors as well as the "allotment of interns" Madigan was sending to the utility giant each

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summer, according to prosecutors.

To close the circuit, prosecutors have said Madigan was not only aware of the scheme McClain was running, he at times personally participated in it.

In one pivotal phone call from May 2018, Madigan allegedly instructed McClain to talk to Pramaggiore about giving a lucrative consulting contract to retiring 23rd Ward Ald. Michael Zalewski, a longtime Madigan ally, court records show.

In the same conversation, Madigan also told McClain to keep pushing the appointment of former McPier CEO Juan Ochoa, a onetime political nemesis of Madigan's, to ComEd's board despite getting pushback from some of the utility's top executives over Ochoa's qualifications and financial baggage, prosecutors alleged.

"And Mike, my recommendation is go forward with Ochoa," Madigan said, according to the prosecution filing. "So if the only complaint about Ochoa is he suffers from bankruptcy twice, so did Harry Truman."

Around the same time Madigan also talked to McClain by phone about working to "kill" a 2018 bill in the House that was designed to help low-income electricity users, a bill ComEd opposed as too restrictive and costly, according to prosecutors.

Prosecutors have alleged Madigan worked behind the scenes to block the bill even though it was being touted by his own daughter, then-Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan.

"On this Lisa Madigan bill ... we've gotta kill it, period," McClain said to Pramaggiore in one key phone call that jurors will hear.

"Yes, yes," Pramaggiore allegedly replied in agreement.

By the time the General Assembly's spring session was over, the bill had fallen four votes short, with eight Democrats voting against the legislation. ComEd's victory, according to the feds, came only because Madigan had paved the way.

Expected testimony

Attorneys for the defendants last week scored a couple of mild legal victories in pretrial skirmishes over what evidence can come in to the trial. Perhaps most notably, the judge ruled prosecutors cannot call retired University of Illinois at Chicago professor Dick Simpson as an expert witness on Chicago machine politics, saying such testimony wouldn't help the jury decide the facts at issue and could prejudice the defendants.

Leinenweber also barred a few potentially damaging recordings, including one in which McClain allegedly referred to utility executives who complained about being pressured to make political hires as "dumb (expletives)."

Still, jurors in the ComEd Four case are expected to get a crash course on Madigan's formidable 13th Ward political operation, including a parade of allies — and some enemies — that have played cameos in the investigation but are not facing criminal charges. Among them are Madigan's former 13th Ward Ald. Frank Olivo, a paid Doherty subcontractor, and Zalewski, who first turned up in the investigation when his house was raided in May 2019. Like Olivo, Zalewski wound up landing a consulting contract with ComEd in 2018 that paid $5,000 a month, even though he never did a thing for the utility, according to the charges.

While neither Olivo nor Zalewski is expected to testify, prosecutors have said they will call a relative of Olivo's who will explain to jurors that Olivo asked them to email invoices to Doherty's company, even though he "never said he worked for ComEd." At the time Olivo was caring for the relative's children full time and didn't seem to have any other employment, the person is expected to testify.

By far, the biggest cog in the Madigan machine expected to take the stand to buttress the government's case is Ed Moody, the former Cook County recorder of deeds and longtime 13th Ward precinct captain who for years was one of Madigan's most loyal and legendary door-knockers.

House Speaker Michael Madigan listens to a debate before the House voted on a bill raising the statewide minimum wage on Feb. 14, 2019, in Springfield. **ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Moody is expected to testify he began receiving $45,000 per year from McClain beginning in May 2012, at first for doing nothing more than calling a list of legislators "to determine if they had any issues relevant to ComEd." Moody will testify that the work "was a 'joke' because there was no substance to it," prosecutors said in their recent filing.

Moody's payments were later bumped up to $4,500 a month and distributed through Doherty. But when Moody was appointed Cook County commissioner in 2014, his money started coming from two "intermediaries" allied with Madigan who did contract work for ComEd, according to prosecutors.

Prosecutors said Moody will testify that he went to Madigan at one point and told him he was worried that his contract claimed he was doing work for the utility, when in fact he'd done nothing. Madigan allegedly told him he was a "valuable political operative" and to keep working on his campaigns.

"Madigan responded that (Moody) did not have to worry because what (Moody) was doing right then — meaning campaign work — was what was important to Madigan," prosecutors said in their filing.

Moody stopped being paid through the intermediaries when he was appointed to be Cook County's recorder of deeds in late 2018, according to prosecutors. The investigation went overt five months later with a series of raids in the Chicago area and downstate.

Another longtime political operative to factor in the investigation is Victor Reyes, whose clout-heavy law firm Reyes Kurson was hired by ComEd in 2011, at the outset of the alleged scheme.

Reyes, who has not been charged, is a Madigan ally who also built a patronage army known as the Hispanic Democratic Organization for then-Mayor Richard Daley. Reyes later surfaced in a City Hall hiring scandal that led to the conviction of Daley's patronage chief, Robert Sorich, but also escaped that probe without being charged.

Prosecutors have said that ComEd's in-house attorney will testify that he was pressured by McClain and Hooker to hire Reyes' firm. The attorney will explain, prosecutors say, that one day when he was in Springfield for negotiations on the smart grid legislation, "Hooker came into his office and closed the door."

Hooker allegedly explained it was "important" that Reyes Kurson get a contract, but he never mentioned any particular reason or legal expertise that the firm could bring to the table. The attorney "understood by McClain and Hooker's comments to mean that the contract was important because it was important to Madigan," prosecutors wrote in a recent court filing.

ComEd eventually entered into a contract to pay Reyes Kurson a minimum of 850 billable hours per year — which was an unusual requirement Reyes himself had demanded, according to prosecutors.

When ComEd later sought to reduce those hours in early 2016, McClain exchanged emails with Pramaggiore and Hooker, making it clear how important it was to keep Reyes in their good graces, prosecutors have said. McClain referred to Madigan in the emails as their "Friend," with a capital "F."

"I am sure you know how valuable (Reyes) is to our Friend," McClain allegedly wrote. "I know the drill and so do you. If you do not get involve(d) and resolve this issue of 850 hours for his law firm per year then he will go to our Friend. Our Friend will call me and then I will call you. Is this a drill we must go through?"

McClain wrote he didn't understand "why we have to spend valuable minutes on items like this when we know it will provoke a reaction from our Friend," according to prosecution filings.

Prosecutors intend to put on evidence showing Reyes and his firm were prolific fundraisers and had donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Madigan's political coffers over the years, court records show.

In addition, Reyes was a key ally in Madigan's fight against changing the state's once-a-decade legislative remapping process to change district boundaries, one of Madigan's sources of power.

Springfield assist

In her 2015 speech to the City Club,Pramaggiore was brimming with excitement about her company's past successes and hope for the future.

She even made a few wink-wink jokes about the company needing all the help it can get from lawmakers in Springfield — though she never mentioned Madigan by name.

"We are on the precipice of this great energy future thanks in no small part to the foresight of the Illinois legislature," Pramaggiore told the crowd. "This is exciting stuff. This is clean stuff, it's innovative stuff it's network stuff, it's neighborhood stuff, it's Chicago as an energy and technology leader stuff."

But, she warned, the promising future was "no foregone conclusion."

"It requires leadership just like in 2011 with the smart grid and it requires legislative action just like in 2011," she said, adding that ComEd was working hard on several energy initiatives in Springfield involving nuclear plants, energy efficiency, access to solar power and myriad other issues.

"There's a lot going on," she said with a faint smile.

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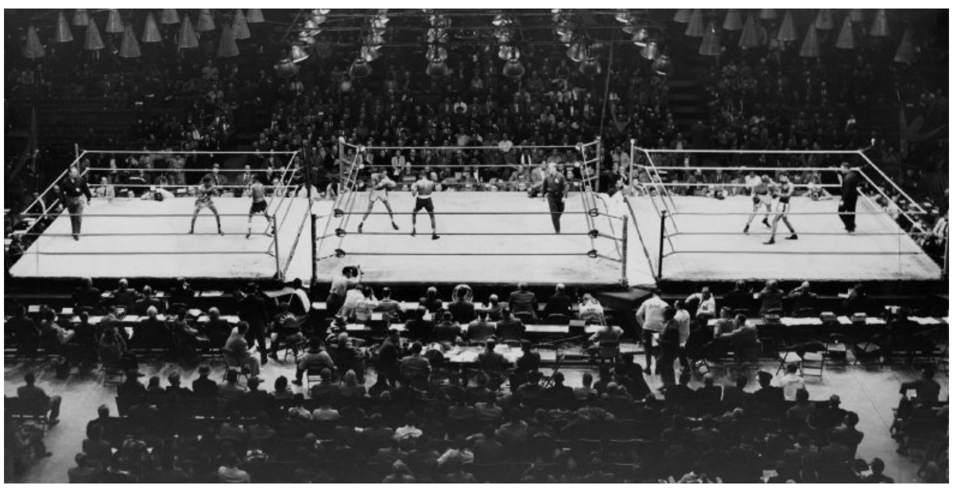

Three rings are in action during the Golden Gloves tournament at Chicago Stadium in 1954. **CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

Young fans react in front of Chicago Stadium's three rings at a Golden Gloves tournament in February 1940.

and professional wrestling.

Right now, the city is in the midst of the latest edition of the Chicago Golden Gloves tournament. It began earlier this week and will continue through preliminary bouts until the championships take place in mid-April. It will include 470-some male and female boxers in three-round bouts taking place at the Cicero Stadium.

Our city is one of 30 Golden Gloves national outposts, most of them holding similar tournaments. The winners from these will be featured in the national championship that will take place over three days in May at Harrah's Casino in Chester, Pennsylvania.

This is the 100th year of this venerable event in Chicago and this story is meant not only to note that anniversary but to celebrate the longest-running and largest non-national amateur boxing event in America.

Even though this newspaper was instrumental in the formation of the organization and was long a sponsor of its annual contests, it was hardly an early advocate for the sport.

In a page one story in October 1867, the Tribune covered a 44-round bout between a couple of guys named Davis and Gallagher and described it thusly: "One brute pounds another for the benefit of a gang of other brutes." It further called for a state law to make prizefighting a crime, writing, "Anything is preferable to barbarism growing up among us."

But grow it did, even in the face of laws enacted to curtail and erase it. Long part of Chicago's subculture, bouts (and betting) frequently took place in basements and backrooms of taverns. But in time, the city was dotted with private gyms where one could learn the sport, see the action. The Catholic Church, through its Catholic Youth Organization, became a major teacher and sponsor of the sport along with the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic High School League and other schools, and the Chicago Park District. They would all nurture and promote boxing.

In 1923, the Tribune, long having shed its distaste for the sport, organized an amateur boxing tournament that would be the foundation of what would soon become formally called the Golden Gloves. This event was what the Tribune called "a great boxing carnival … the greatest amateur boxing tournament ever held in Chicago," featuring some 424 young men fighting over three March days at the Ashland Boulevard auditorium. It was the brainchild of the newspaper's sports editor Arch Ward, the visionary who also created the Major League Baseball All-Star Game in 1933.

The Golden Gloves tag was first attached to fights that took place on March 24, 1928. At the Coliseum, eight Chicago boxers fought eight boxers from New York to an 8-8 tie. Growth was rapid, as Golden Gloves organizations formed in cities across the country and the globe.

Boxing on the big screen

There have been plenty of movies about boxing. Tribune critic Michael Phillips is betting you've never seen the one made entirely in Chicago titled "The Golden Gloves Story." **A+E**

Boxing has long represented, especially for young immigrants, a rung on the ladder to the American Dream. Many immigrant groups, primarily those who were Jewish, Irish, Italian, Black and Latino were marginalized in life and work, often ignored by the very men who would eagerly be paying customers for boxing matches. Every immigrant neighborhood had its "champ," and boxing became a flag of racial or ethnic pride.

But the aim of the Golden Gloves has always been goals beyond potential fame and riches. It was founded to "provide opportunities that build character, self-respect and lasting leadership skills" and is still at that chore.

I once talked about boxing with a tough and lovely man, the late Martin McGarry, a native of County Mayo in Ireland. He came here in the mid-1960s and became a Golden Gloves champ, a union pipe fitter and started McGarry's Boxing Club out of his home in the Beverly neighborhood.

McGarry taught hundreds. One of the teenagers he coached would become a Golden Gloves champion too, and later gave himself the title of Lord of the Dance. His name is Michael Flatley, and he is known for creating Irish dance shows such as "Riverdance" and "Lord of the Dance." He has said he will be back in Chicago in mid-April for a special Golden Gloves ceremony honoring former participants who became successful outside the ring.

McGarry died in 2018 but once told me, "Boxing was in my blood. It gives people confidence and it betters their outlook on life. And helps them also to work tremendously, to perform on the job. And it teaches them respect for other people, which is very important. It's a foundation for good character."

I boxed for a time, at the old gym near Navy Pier. It was called the Fire Department Gym because firefighters ran it and then-Fire Commissioner Robert Quinn used it to keep his men in shape. But it was really for everyone, to play basketball, volleyball, exercise and box, which I enjoyed for a time in my early 20s until getting knocked flat by a skinny teenager, thus ending my ring "career."

But I became a great admirer of the sport and those who taught and fought. In addition to sitting ringside in New Orleans for Muhammad Ali's 15-round decision in his rematch with Leon Spinks in 1978, I have seen dozens of Golden Gloves fights, most when they were held at St. Andrews Gym on West Addison Street, where I watched male and, since 1994, female boxers of varying abilities but similar desires, dance and flail, swing and miss and hit.

Those competing were a wildly mixed bunch, from tough teens expressing their manhood to stockbrokers taking their exercise routine to an illogical extreme; the Golden Gloves formal tournament age range is 18 to 40. Many of the younger fighters harbored dreams of Olympic Games glory or pay-per-view millions, perhaps seeing the footsteps of such Golden Gloves alums as Joe Louis, Sugar Ray Leonard or Ali (when he was known as Cassius Clay).

Those fantasies are fragile, and quickly end with an opponent's furious flurry. But at St. Andrews, I saw, as I wrote in 2000, "Fire in the eyes of fighters, blood on some chins; dreams at once crushed and nurtured in the lightning flash of a left hook that sends one boxer to the canvas and another into the air, as if lifted by the roar of an appreciative audience."

"The Gold Gloves is a great thing," says Larry Roeske, director of the Chicago Golden Gloves. He is a painter for the city of Chicago. He is 62 years old and has never boxed and neither have his seven sons. He was introduced to the Golden Gloves nearly 20 years ago by a friend who was a volunteer with the organization and now functions, as he puts it, as "The jack of all Golden Gloves trades."

He attends every bout, organizes the bouts in a dozen weight divisions, searches for sponsors, writes programs, deals with public relations, hangs banners, handles ticket requests and T-shirt sales … and on and on. "It's a lot of work but it's been worth it," he says. "I have seen a lot of troubled kids grow into decent human beings."

He and other organizers, volunteers, boxers and fans will tell you that the Golden Gloves, which offers instruction and mentoring year-round, helps keep kids off the streets and away from gangs, and that it teaches discipline and self-esteem.

In the crowds, you can see friends and families, mothers who worry and fathers filled with pride. Some families have been Golden Gloves-goers (and participants) for generations. The crowds are not the bejeweled and star-studded gatherings that one often sees at major professional fights. They are neighborhood folks and the Golden Gloves is boxing at its most innocent level, where sportsmanship rears its beautiful head.

Perhaps the success of the "Creed" film franchise says something encouraging about boxing. So might a recent Harris Poll, which surveyed more than 2,000 adults in 2021. It found that boxing was the country's fourth most-popular sport with 33% saying they were fans, behind football (62%) and baseball and basketball (both at 49%). It also ranked boxing above MMA (30%). A decade before, boxing did not place among the top 10 in a Harris Poll.

The reasons? Its difficult to explain why an estimated 300 million people in 1971 watched on closed circuit TV a fight between Ali and Joe Frazier. Or why the Cicero Stadium will be packed with fans and families and fighters on so many nights in the coming weeks. Yes, the point of boxing is to hit your opponent or knock him or her to the canvas. But maybe it is something more rarefied, as novelist Joyce Carol Oates, who often went to Golden Gloves matches with her father, wrote in her book "On Boxing," "In the brightly lit ring, man is in extremis, performing an atavistic rite or agon for the mysterious solace of those who can participate only vicariously in such drama: the drama of life in the flesh."

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The Rev. Adonna Davis Reid, an Oak Park police chaplain, comes to pay her respects and pray for the family near the growing memorial on the porch at the scene of a fatal house fire in the 2500 block of Rutherford Ave. in Chicago on Friday. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Chicago firefighter's wife, 3 kids die following blaze

By Rosemary Sobol
Chicago Tribune

A mother and her three children have all died following a blaze at the home of a Chicago firefighter in the Montclare neighborhood on the city's Northwest Side, officials said Saturday.

A little boy, 2-year-old Emory Day-Stewart, and his sister, Autumn Day-Stewart, 9, died most recently, earlier Saturday and Friday, respectively, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office.

Their mom, Summer Day-Stewart, 36, died Thursday and her 7-year-old son, Ezra Stewart, died Wednesday night, the medical examiner's office said.

The firefighter, Walter Stewart, was on-duty and responded to a fire in his own home in the 2500 block of North Rutherford Avenue and tried to save his wife with CPR in front of the family's house Tuesday night.

Police earlier said the 2-year-old was a girl and that the 9-year-old girl was 7.

> *"As long as I've been associated with fires, I can't fathom what he's going through. It's just unbelievable. I can't even think of what it feels like."*
>
> *— Larry Langford, Fire Department spokesperson*

When Stewart heard his own address as the location of the blaze, a Chicago Fire Department chief drove him from a fire station five miles away.

First responders found Day-Stewart and the three kids unconscious from smoke inhalation and in grave condition, officials initially reported.

Outside his burning home, the young firefighter performed CPR on his wife, Fire Department spokesperson Larry Langford said earlier.

"It's gotta be like hell," Langford said earlier. "We're doing all we can to support him."

The veteran fire spokesperson said earlier he had never seen anything like this nightmare scenario during his many years with the department. Firefighters' homes have caught on fire, he said. Even fire stations have caught fire, he added.

But Langford said he couldn't remember the department facing a tragedy like this.

"As long as I've been associated with fires, I can't fathom what he's going through. It's just unbelievable. I can't even think of what it feels like," Langford said.

The fire began in the home's kitchen but its cause was not known yet, Langford said.

The department is raising money to help Stewart's family face the "unspeakable tragedy" through its charity, Ignite the Spirit.

Chicago Tribune reporter Jake Sheridan contributed.

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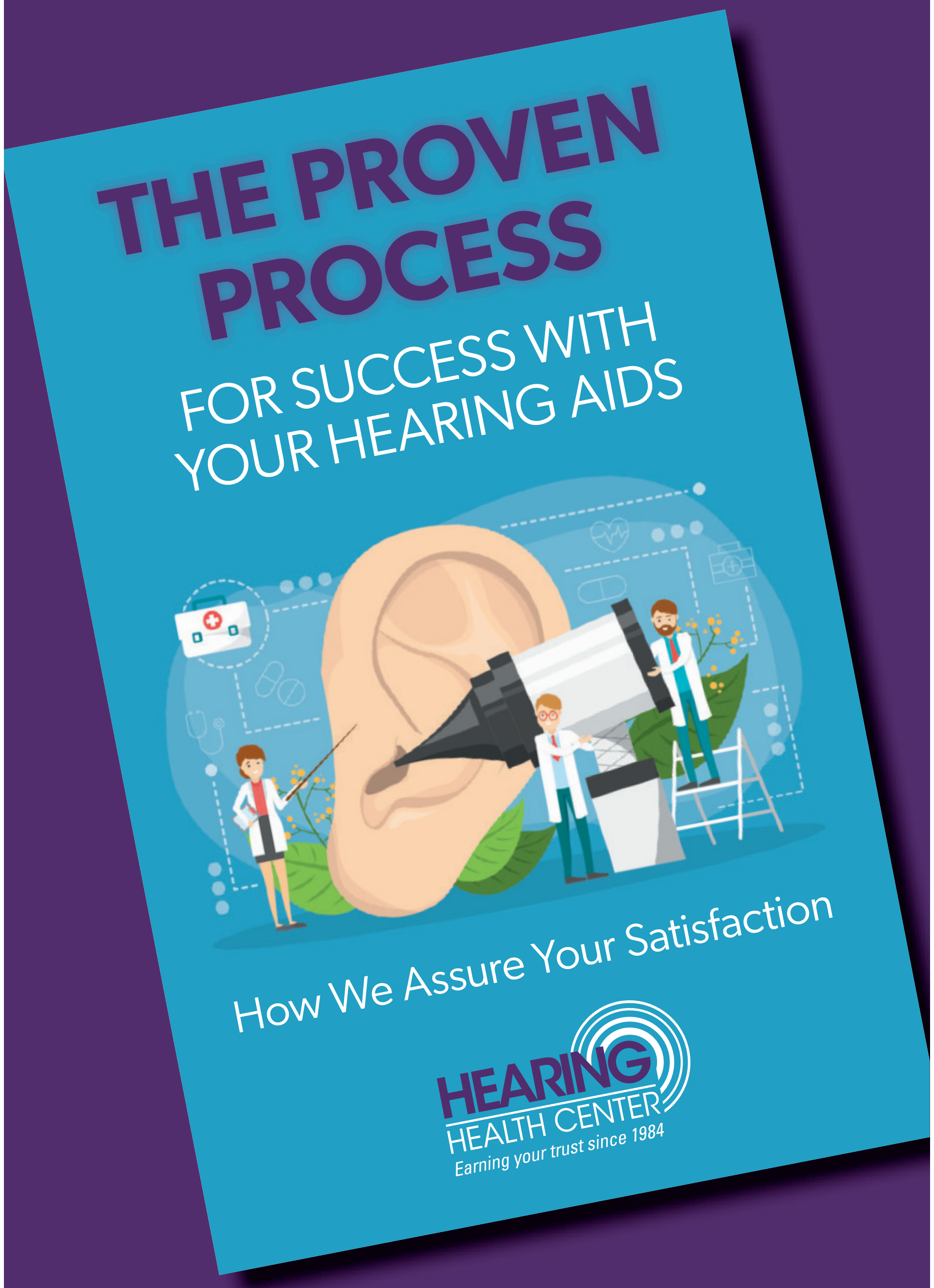
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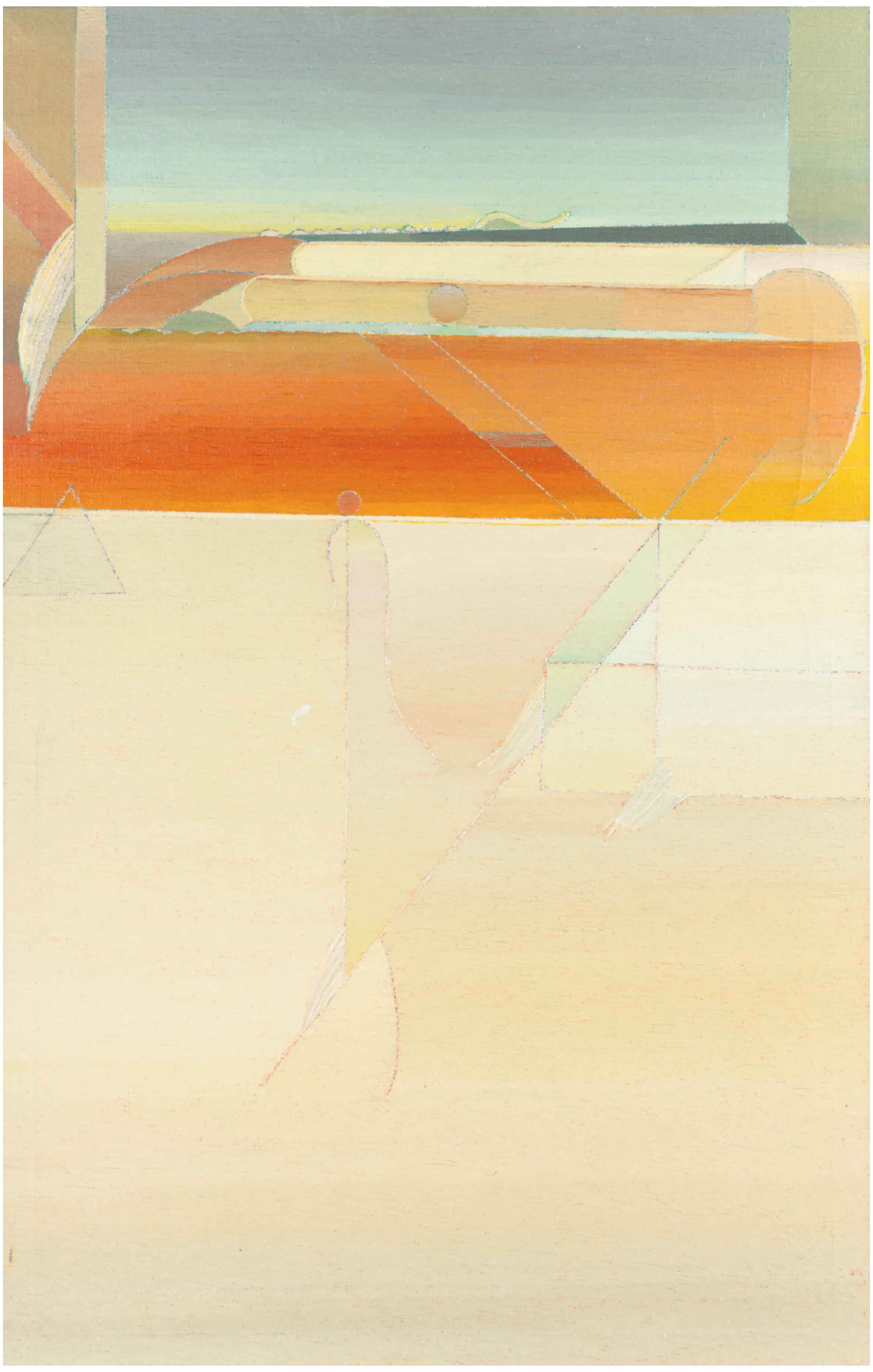

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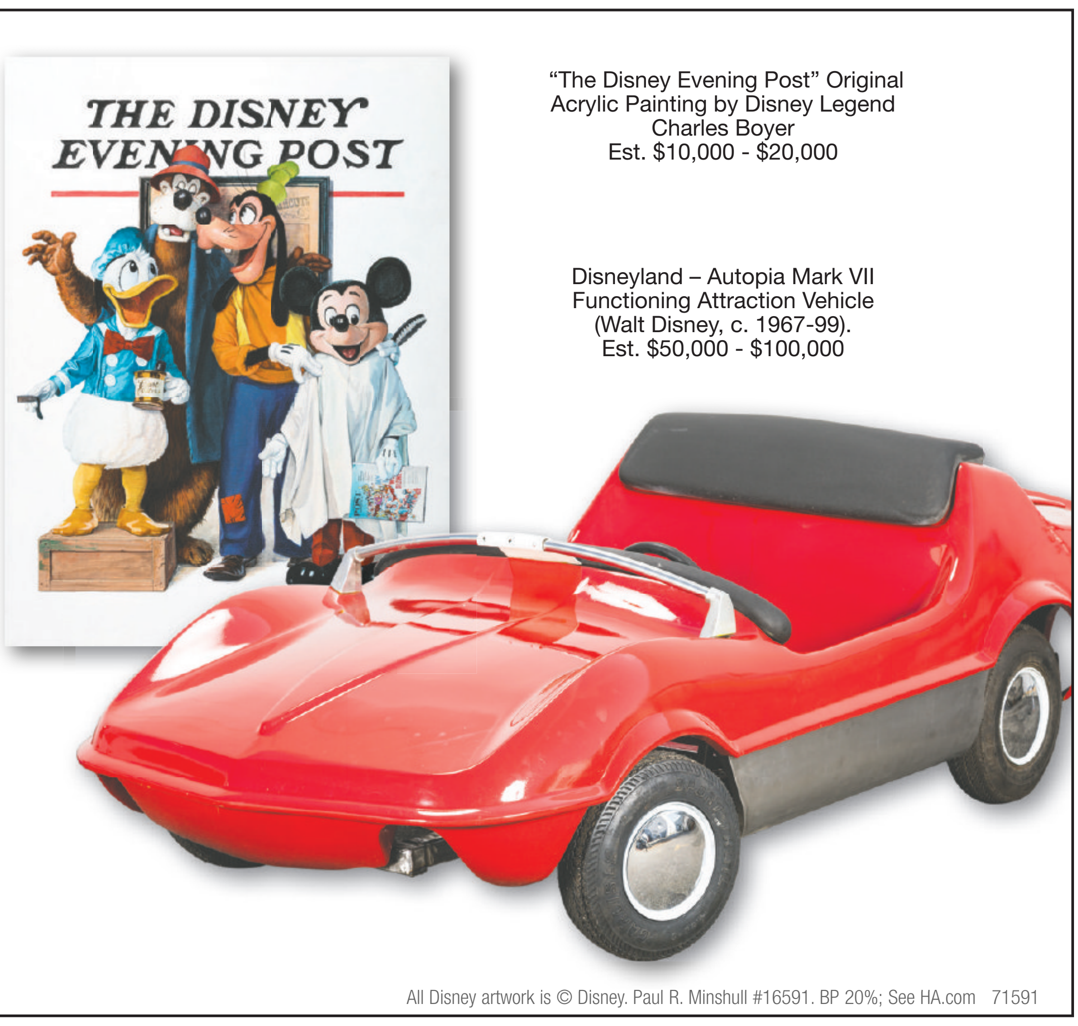

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OPINION

Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, left, speaks during a hearing with the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on Capitol Hill on Thursday. **ANNA MONEYMAKER/GETTY**

When calamity leads to bipartisanship, that's a good thing

Clarence Page

Politicians often complain about government regulations as a big pain in the neck. So I was relieved in the wake of the Norfolk Southern train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio, to see some bipartisan good sense break out.

Having grown up many moons ago next to the old Baltimore & Ohio tracks between Cincinnati and Dayton, I sympathize with the residents of East Palestine whose lives were disrupted.

The spill created doomsday images of billowing black smoke when a "controlled burn" was set to avoid an uncontrolled explosion. More than 7 miles of stream waters were affected, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and an estimated 3,500 fish, among other animals, were killed.

Political figures as varied as Ohio's Republican Gov. Mike DeWine, former President Donald Trump and, later, President Joe Biden's Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg descended on the scene as rounds of finger-pointing broke out to assess who was to blame.

Meanwhile, other derailments were reported. About 28 cars in another Norfolk Southern train derailed March 4 in Springfield, Ohio. Fortunately, no one was injured.

Another Norfolk Southern train derailed Thursday in Calhoun County, Alabama, hours before company CEO Alan Shaw faced lawmakers to answer questions about the derailment in East Palestine.

Yet, it turns out, multiple derailments in a short span aren't as unusual as I thought.

Last year, for example, there were more than 1,000 train derailments in the U.S., according to the Federal Railroad Administration. That means the country is averaging roughly three derailments per day.

Nevertheless, the recent events brought on a renewed push for tightened safety measures and, yes, regulations.

A refreshingly bipartisan group of senators has proposed legislation to mandate that the Transportation Department tighten safety rules for freight rail.

The measure sponsored by Ohio Sens. Sherrod Brown, a Democrat, and J.D. Vance, a freshman Republican, would strengthen notification and inspection requirements for trains carrying hazardous materials. It would also increase fines for safety violations by rail carriers and authorize $27 million for research on more safety improvements.

The bipartisan nature of the bill, also co-sponsored by Republican Sens. Marco Rubio of Florida and Josh Hawley of Missouri, indicates that it may get somewhere in the Senate, where it needs 60 votes to advance, although its fate in the Republican-led House appears less certain.

Vance, who comes from the same factory town where I grew up with an earlier generation — and which served as backdrop for his bestselling memoir, "Hillbilly Elegy" — offered an insight to Axios into why politicians have grabbed onto this issue.

"The three of us, in our own ways, recognized instantly: This is fundamentally our voters, right?" Vance told Axios, referring to himself, the former president and their mutual pal Fox News host Tucker Carlson. "These are sort of our people."

I understand. Although I'm still disappointed that Vance, who struck me as a thoughtful Trump critic, became a political candidate who sought Trump's endorsement. After he received it, he soared to the top of a crowded field and won. Too bad, in my view, but in politics it's hard to argue with success.

But I am a longtime fan of Sherrod Brown.

"It shouldn't take a massive railroad disaster for elected officials to put partisanship aside and work together for the people we serve — not corporations like Norfolk Southern," Brown said in a statement that reflected his successful center-left populism. "Rail lobbyists have fought for years to protect their profits at the expense of communities like East Palestine and Steubenville and Sandusky."

With that, Brown expressed the pragmatic politics that have helped him hold his Senate seat since 2007 in a former swing state that, since voting for Barack Obama twice, has been moving decidedly to the right.

There's a lesson here, I believe, for Democrats who puzzle over how and why they have lost so much of their reputation as a party of the working class.

In Rust Belt states like Ohio, heavy with working class folks who feel left behind by changing times, right-wing candidates have won by appealing heavily — some would say pandering — to working-class resentments.

Brown, in my view, has stayed positive by emphasizing ideas over ideology. I wish more politicians did that. We shouldn't need a disaster to bring us together.

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Thank you to Spielberg for lamenting and honoring divorce

By Michael Alcee

Like so many kids of the 1970s and '80s, I'm grateful for the hero just out of the frame.

And it's not because Steven Spielberg launched "Indiana Jones" and "E.T." and wrote about a Mikey ("The Goonies") just like me who finds the treasure to save his family. It's because nobody mines the heartbreak and alienation of the dual citizen that is the child of divorce any better than Spielberg, and I'm guessing nobody ever will.

Two photographs carry all I can remember of my parents parting ways when I was a year old. My father, shirtless and smiling broadly through his Bee Gees beard, lounging with me on the couch. I'm not on his lap but squirming away, repelled, as if I already knew it was over.

The other print shows me clutching my Winnie the Pooh and my 36-year-old mother's hand in the spring sun, her auburn hair ablaze against the black robe she wears while bobbling her newly minted social work diploma. It was the end of the beginning, my mother as a new divorcee, set to launch a home practice so she could be there when school ended and then work late into the night.

Much like Spielberg's fictional parents Mitzi and Burt in his latest Oscar-nominated movie, "The Fabelmans," my mother was the poet-soul and my father the numbers guy. A refugee from Egypt by way of Paris, my father made his way through school to become a hospital administrator managing multimillion-dollar budgets, while my mother, a literature student who emigrated from Panama, reveled in jointly revising the stories that make up a life.

Paul Dano, Mateo Zoryan Francis-DeFord and Michelle Williams in a scene from "The Fabelmans." **MERIE WEISMILLER WALLACE/UNIVERSAL PICTURES AND AMBLIN ENTERTAINMENT**

Like the movie's main character Sam and the nearly 50% of American children who witness divorce, I kept replaying the scene of the crash of my parents' divorce as if it too were "The Greatest Show on Earth," the first film Sam sees — or more aptly, "The Only Show in Town."

Like Sam and Spielberg, I found ways of using art — music, writing and, even now, my day job as a psychologist — to reconcile and redeem the complications of a life lived constantly in transit between two irreconcilable countries.And for many years I've believed what lion tamer Uncle Boris — played magnificently in the film by Judd Hirsch as a wise old borscht belt man — says to warn and enchant the young Sam: There's no way to honor your art without betraying your family, and yet there's no way to live without art either.

This is what Spielberg has done so miraculously. From "Catch Me If You Can" to "Schindler's List" and now "The Fabelmans," he revisits the site of trauma and finds a way to both honor and lament it, and his art somehow carries it.

It allows us as children of divorce to feel, for a few brief hours, that the world that broke apart can still find its way back together and that the alienation is an integral part of the sensitivity that keeps us repairing the world one story at a time.

And how Spielberg helps us reconcile those broken marriages we children of divorce have all endured.

One pivotal scene shows us the glorious light inside Mitzi, dancing in a nightgown in front of car headlights. We, like her daughters, are embarrassed by the exposure of her nakedness. And yet we are also just as taken by the command and intricacy of the Bach concerto she plays at the piano.

In Burt's character too we find the reassurance of a man constantly attempting to make the world more knowable and controllable, and despite his tedious explanations on how to light a campfire he is eminently decent and endearing.

Spielberg in "The Fabelmans," and in so much of his oeuvre, shows us elemental truths about what it is to be human.

There's no way to reconcile the head and the heart, the familiar and the alien. We can only reach for symbols and hold them up before our very eyes.

That is the magic and the art, and that just might be what saves us all.

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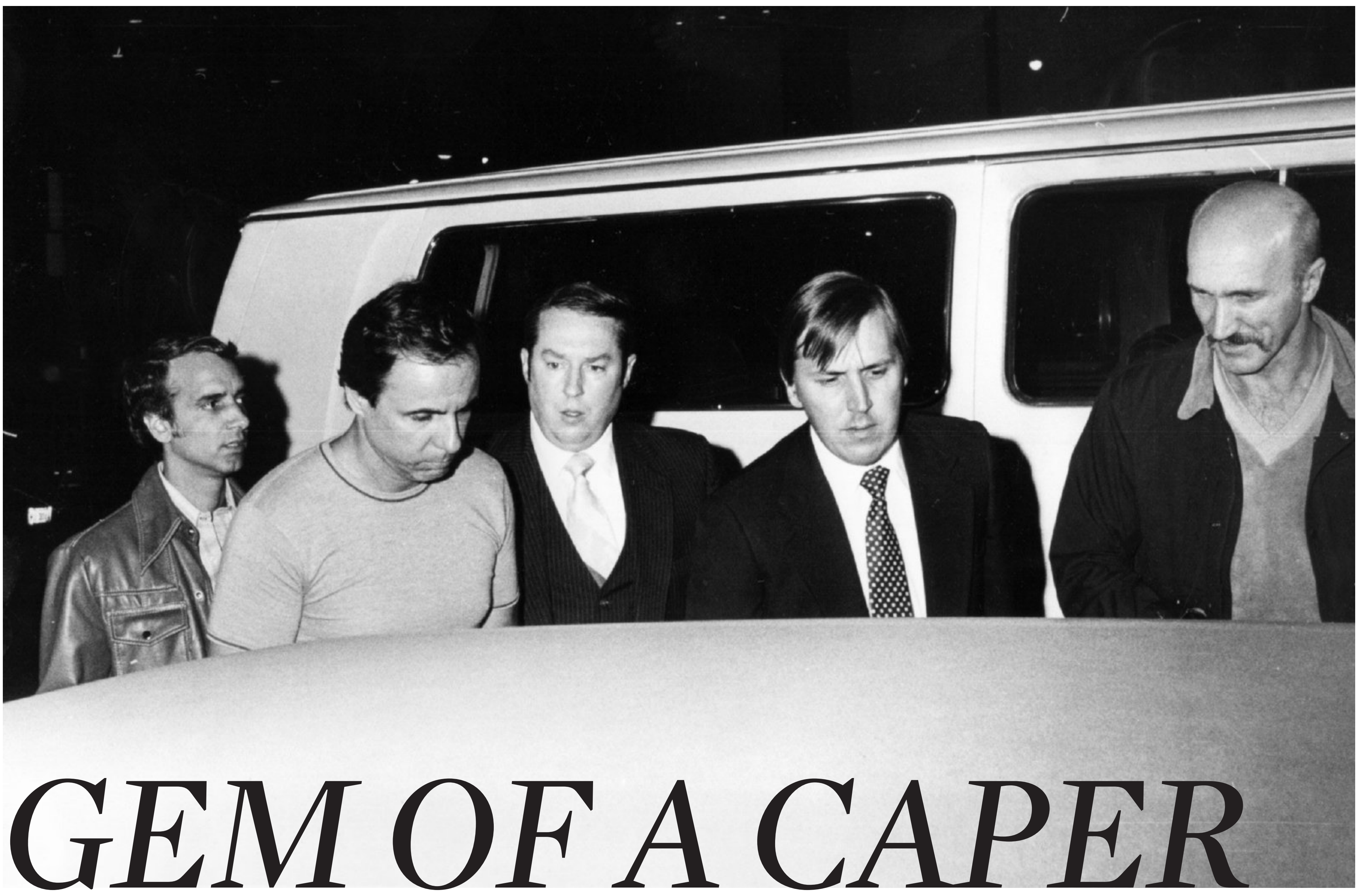


GEM OF A CAPER

Two Chicago crooks stole the Marlborough Diamond 43 years ago. They did time; the stone remains at large.

By Ron Grossman
Chicago Tribune

Arthur Rachel and Joseph Scalise had to be full of themselves when a British Airways jet reached the gate at O'Hare Airport's international terminal on Sept. 11, 1980.

A few hours earlier they had robbed a London jeweler of the 45-carat Marlborough Diamond. The centerpiece of Laurence Graff's display window, the stone was famous before the Chicago hoodlums committed what seemed a perfect crime.

"They picked out the very special pieces from the window," Graff said "It was all over in less than a minute."

Scalise and Rachel, both in their early 40s, wore disguises to pull off their heist and knew that if London's cops ran witnesses' descriptions of the robbers through albums of mug shots, they couldn't have found a match.

But Chicago cops knew Scalise and Rachel only too well.

"Their rap sheets read like a Who's Who in burglary and robbery in the United States," said Gary Shapiro, a federal prosecutor in Chicago who was known for going after mobsters.

During one stint behind bars Rachel got a high score on an IQ test. In underworld circles his moniker was "the Genius." Scalise's moniker was "the Monk" because he allegedly once wanted to be a priest.

FBI agents arrested both men as they went through customs at O'Hare. Scotland Yard had pieced together clues Scalise and Rachel left behind.

Judged by the bumbling robbery of the jewelry store, Rachel was no genius.

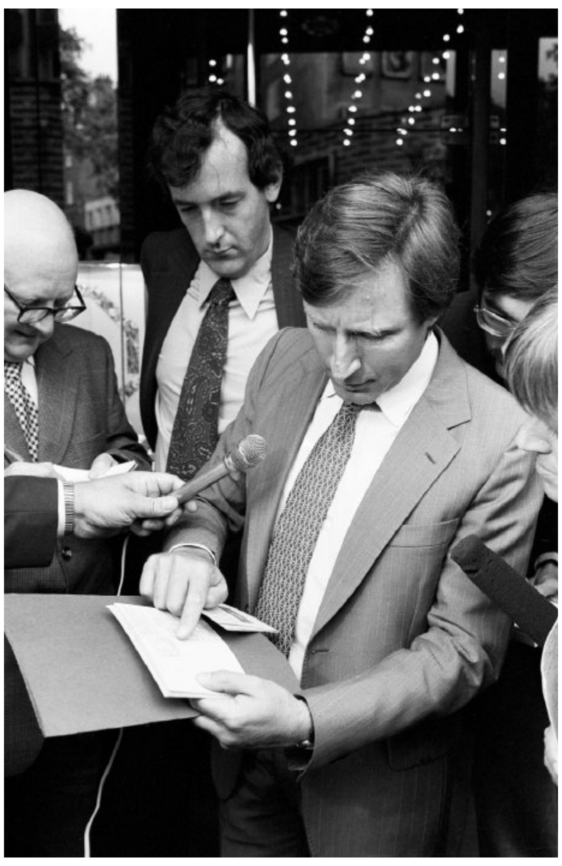
Arriving in London several days earlier, he and Scalise had carefully surveyed Graff's. Because it dealt in big-bucks jewelry, a customer couldn't casually walk in. Ringing the doorbell alerted employees to give the prospective customer the once-over: Did they look like someone who could afford the six-figure price tags?

Accordingly, Rachel decided he and Scalise would be decked out like Saudi princes: flowing robes or finely tailored suits, a headscarf or fedora, and facial hair to obscure their features.

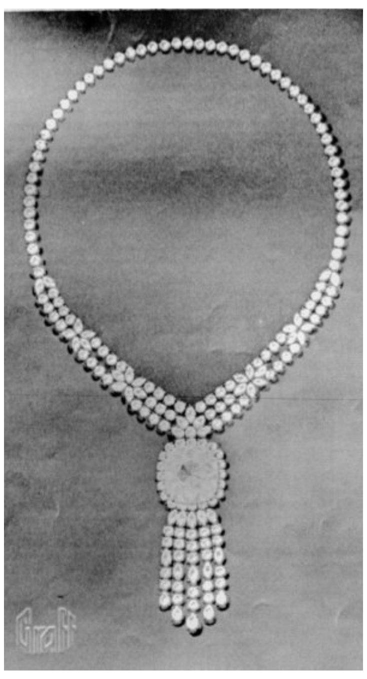
Despite the careful planning the caper began with a costume failure. A witness "was walking on the street with his girlfriend when he saw Rachel's false beard detach from his chin," the Associated Press reported.

The witness, a Graff's accountant on his lunch break, later told Scotland Yard he immediately thought of Shakespeare's words: "Something is rotten in the state of Denmark."

Scalise rushed into the store waving a revolver. Holding what appeared to be a grenade, Rachel followed. Two customers and five employees hit the floor. Saying not a word, the Chicago gangsters grabbed the Marlborough Diamond, plus other assorted gems, and were gone.



At top, Joseph Scalise, second from left, and Arthur Rachel, second from right, are escorted by FBI agents at the Federal Building on the evening of Sept. 11, 1980, after they were seized on charges involving a $2.4 million gem theft in London. **ARTHUR WALKER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE** Above left, shop owner Laurence Graff shows reporters what the Marlborough Diamond looks like outside his shop in London on Sept. 11, 1980, after two armed men escaped with jewels, including the Duchess of Marlborough's diamond necklace. **ALISDAIR MACDONALD/MIRRORPIX** Above right, Fingerprint experts work in the rear of the display case from which the Marlborough Diamond was taken on Sept. 11, 1980, at Graff Jewellers in London. **ALISDAIR MACDONALD/MIRRORPIX**



The Marlborough Diamond set in a necklace. It was worth 400,000 pounds in 1980, when it was stolen from a Knightsbridge, London, jewelers on Sept. 11, 1980. **UPI**

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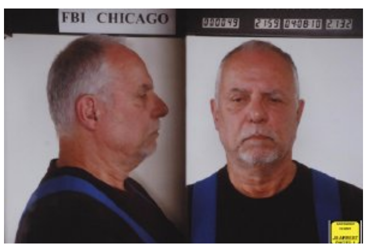
Chicago mobster Arthur Rachel, 73, in an FBI booking photo.



Joseph Scalise, 73, in an FBI booking photo.

Outside the store, the witness followed them to a Fiat Mirafiori and gave the police its license plate number.

It was that of a Hertz car rented at Heathrow. Incredibly, it had been booked under Rachel's name, and he had also used his own credit card.

While they were in the air Jack O'Rourke's phone rang in the Chicago office of the FBI. His purview was the Outfit's street crews.

"I can still hear that British detective's voice," O'Rourke told Chicago magazine for a May 2012 article. "He asked, 'Would you know a chap named Skull-leecee?' I answered, 'Do I know him? He's practically my hobby."

The British detective passed on Scalise and Rachel's flight number and arrival time. They were charged with conspiracy to transport stolen property.

Yet the Marlborough Diamond wasn't on them or in their luggage when they were arrested.

Near the London airport, Scalise and Rachel had abandoned the Fiat and taken a cab to Heathrow. They asked the driver to mail a small package. Scotland Yard found the mail clerk who handled it and brought him to a hypnotist.

Even in a trance, all the clerk could recall was that the box bore a New York address. As Scalise's sister lived in New York, some sleuths, professional and amateur, assumed that's where the package went, and that the Marlborough Diamond was in it.

After their arrest, Scalise and Rachel spent almost three years in the Metropolitan Correction Center in Chicago while their lawyers fought the British government's effort to have them extradited.

Rachel's attorney argued that a psychiatrist found him mentally incompetent to stand trial.

"At an interview with the psychiatrist, Rachel claimed he was being followed and spied on by federal agents and claimed he ran over a gymnastic (smaller than average man) who was hiding under his car to spy on him," the Tribune reported.

A federal prosecutor countered that Rachel was faking it, and in 1983 the Justice Department handed him and Scalise over to detectives from Scotland Yard.

In London the authorities leaned on Rachel and Scalise to tell them where the Marlborough Diamond was, promising a reduced sentence and other inducements.

The Chicagoans, hardly newcomers to the ways of cops, knew the drill.

Rachel was a resident of the Illinois Training School for Boys in Kane County in 1954 when his name appeared in a brief news item in the Tribune after he escaped "from a cornfield near the school where he had been assigned to pick corn" in a car he stole from an employee. Ten years later Rachel was arrested as part of a counterfeiting ring accused of making fake U.S. Savings Bonds and traveler's checks.

Scalise ran with Harry Aleman, the Chicago Mob's enforcer, and also had a criminal record.

When asked about the Marlborough Diamond at Scotland Yard, Rachel and Scalise clammed up. Their stance was that they never heard of the celebrated gem, which was named for its former owner.

It had arrived at Graff's upon the 1977 death of Gladys Deacon, who by birth was a member of a wealthy American family and eventually the wife of the Duke of Marlborough, Winston Churchill's cousin.

"I never saw a girl with such beauty, such magnificent intelligence, such goodness and charm," French novelist Marcel Proust once wrote of her.

At some point, fearing her looks were fading, the Duchess of Marlborough had plastic surgery. It was botched and her face was disfigured. She died a recluse.

When they wouldn't say where her diamond was, Rachel and Scalise were given 15-year prison sentences in England. O'Rourke came over hoping to visit them. Give us something, and the U.S. government will get you home, he planned to say.

Scalise sent O'Rourke a letter quoting the philosopher Nietzsche: "You have your way. I have my way. As for the right way, the correct way, and the only way, it does not exist."

The Monk was a bookish sort.

Released after 13 years, Scalise and Rachel returned to Chicago and resumed their criminal careers. They weren't spring chickens, as U.S. District Judge Harry Leinenweber noted in 2012 when giving the 74-year-old Rachel a sentence of eight years and five months for plotting to rob an armored truck and an Outfit boss' home.

"What possessed you to get involved in this caper after you (already) spent half your life in prison?" the judge asked.

"It's the way we are," Rachel told the judge. "We were bored. We got nothing better to do."

Rachel had been arrested two years earlier as he sat in the back of a van outside the fortresslike home of the late mob boss Angelo "the Hook" LaPietra. The cops had bugged the van and listened in as Rachel and his colleagues, including Scalise, cased banks and armored cars.

Transcripts of the recordings read like the duo's philosophy of crime. They made a virtue of age.

"They're looking for some young guy," Scalise was recorded as saying about investigators. "But there's no coppers that know us today."

Rachel at one point wanted toothpaste to fill the holes the gang had surreptitiously drilled in LaPietra's house. It was a trick, he said, he learned from IRA prisoners he and Scalise had befriended while imprisoned overseas.

The Marlborough Diamond's fate still remains unknown. At the duo's court appearances, reporters inevitably asked if the gem could ever be located.

"If Lloyds (of London) wanted to pay enough money," the Monk said, referring to the famed insurer, "maybe they could."

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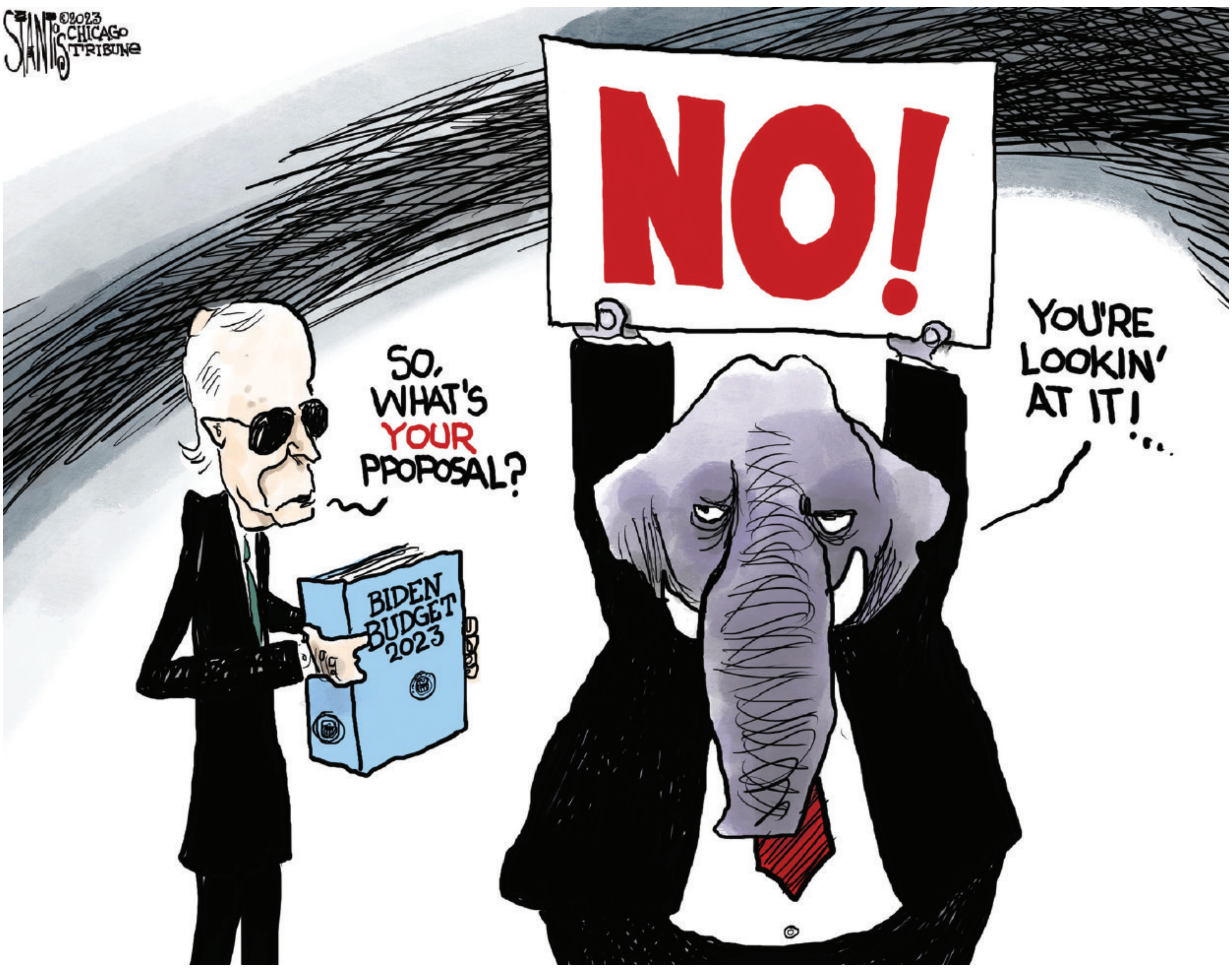

SCOTT STANTIS

GOP should openly debate Biden's budget proposals

One of the first things you are likely to hear about President Joe Biden's proposed 2024 budget is how it doesn't have a snowball's chance in the Sahara of being approved by the Republican-controlled House. That's undoubtedly true, if you're talking about Biden's proposal in its current form.

But, as political gridlock and fractious politics puts the government at risk of defaulting on its debts and possibly unleashing an economic catastrophe, lawmakers in both parties need to come to an agreement as they somehow have managed to do in settling 10 other debt-limit standoffs in the past 13 years.

Biden on Thursday made what amounts to an opening bid with a budget plan that would cut deficits by $2.9 trillion over the next decade — a proposal that Republicans already have declared dead on arrival.

But Biden isn't backing down, he says, and, so far, he has little reason to do so. Despite his espoused refusal to negotiate the debt ceiling, which limits the money the federal government may pay on the debt it already borrowed, he came very close to doing so in late January when he responded to a reporter's question with this eyebrow-raising challenge to House Speaker Kevin McCarthy:

"Show me your budget," he said, "and I'll show you mine."

So far, the Republicans have declined to show theirs, if they have one.

Meanwhile, the debt ceiling was reached and broken through in late January, according to Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen.

The U.S. national debt stands at $31.4 trillion and growing, while the federal government's annual budget is currently operating at $6.3 trillion, which is almost $2 trillion more than it spent annually before the coronavirus pandemic.

The budget plan that the president unveiled Thursday — in the politically charged atmosphere of a union training center in Philadelphia — offers 182 pages of policy proposals, charts and data, as if he was making an initial offer for negotiations between the parties aimed at reaching a compromise, a word that we have heard too little in Washington in recent years.

Yes, Biden has insisted that raising the debt ceiling is "not a negotiation." But that would defy nature in a town where almost everything turns out to be negotiable or nothing would get done. More likely, Biden's goading of the GOP lawmakers appears to be part of his broader attempt to call out House Republicans for demanding severe spending cuts in return for lifting the government's legal borrowing limit.

Biden's proposed budget blueprint has been front-loaded with the sort of spending Democrats favor most: big budget items aimed at assisting working class children and families and protecting such popular liberal programs as Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act, often called Obamacare.

Biden scored points with his supporters by goading Republicans into an impromptu debate during his State of the Union address.

Although Republicans strongly objected, Biden brought attention to the truth: Some leading Republicans were looking for ways to cut costs and spending for Social Security, but by calling attention to it, Biden probably moved such cuts to the popular program off the table for the foreseeable future.

His proposed budget asks for social spending so generous as to be easily knocked down by his Republican critics, yet large enough to deliver a populist message Democrats need to deliver in Donald Trump's MAGA era: Claim fiscal responsibility but invest in popular policies and programs.

And to pay for it, Biden boldly intends to tax the rich, making up for the tax cuts Republicans in the Trump years voted in for upper-income earners. Paying your "fair share" is central to this Democratic argument and helping those who need help the most — while shifting the cost burden to those who can afford it the most.

The GOP has no counter-offer so far, other than to flatly reject Biden's proposal for tax increases on the wealthy, a policy that could be central to Biden's as-yet-undeclared campaign for reelection.

What else is in Biden's blueprint? Big spending and investments in manufacturing, climate, education, paid leave and health care — playing catch-up in some ways with the GOP's appeal to economically stricken Americans left behind by socioeconomic changes.

For example, in health care coverage, Biden's budget proposal would cap insulin prices at $35 per month for people with private insurance plans. Although the Inflation Reduction Act capped monthly insulin costs at that price for seniors in January, it left out everyone who wasn't on Medicare. Biden called on Congress in his State of the Union speech to finish the job. .

Biden would swing the tax code around to give more breaks to lower income owners and impose more taxes on the rich. One reform, previously discussed by the White House, would quadruple the tax on corporate stock buybacks but leaves those making less than $400,000 untouched.

Not left untouched are people worth more than $100 million. They would be subject to a new 20% minimum tax — and the wealthiest 0.01% of Americans would be hit with a 25% minimum tax on all income, including their appreciated assets.

Among other tax changes, according to the administration, Biden would raise the top income-tax rate to 39.6% from 37% for single filers making more than $400,000 a year and married couples earning more than $450,000 per year.

There's more, but all of these proposals are subject to change in the negotiation process, when — and if — it gets started.

Unfortunately, as the U.S. creeps ever closer to a devastating debt default, Republicans show little sign of preparations for a great debate.

The GOP should not engage in self-serving recklessness over the debt limit. Rather, it should reveal, and constructively argue for, its own plan. A government budget, it has been rightly said, is a moral document, spelling out not only the government's obligations to its citizens but also a test of our concerns for each other.

ABOUT DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Every March, it's the same old thing. On the second Sunday, we set the clocks forward an hour to begin daylight saving time (or increasingly, our smart devices do it automatically) and then spend the next few days slightly discombobulated and wondering why we still practice this odd ritual.

By the time the following Sunday rolls around, our disturbed schedules have adjusted and we forget about the week of missed appointments or bad sleep. At least until the first Sunday in November, when we do the same thing in reverse to return to standard time.

Let's do something different this year. After the time shift on Sunday, let's not forget how ridiculous it is to follow this twice-a-year ritual, created for a purpose few remember (something about farmers? Or kids walking to school?). Let us remember this foolishness and call on elected officials to end this outdated tradition and allow Americans to stick to one time year-round. ...

There's a growing call to end the switch for health reasons, as moving the clock back and forth abruptly upsets our circadian cycles, and can mean bad patches of sleep after each switch. And a few studies have suggested there's a connection between poor sleep as a result of the time change and increased traffic accidents and heart attacks.

The U.S. adopted uniform daylight saving time more than a half-century ago in part to conserve energy, which didn't happen in any meaningful way. It's a tradition whose time is up.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

End fossil fuel investments

The science is clear: To avoid the irreversible climate devastation that will result from overshooting 1.5 degrees Celsius of additional global warming, we must end all new investment in fossil fuel projects and immediately begin to phase out production.

But at the exact time when humanity must begin urgently phasing out fossil fuels, oil and gas companies like ConocoPhillips are proposing new drilling sites and projects that would set us back — with devastating consequences.

If approved, the Willow project in the Western Arctic would lead to the emission of 287 million metric tons of pollution over the next 30 years.

Not to mention, the Western Arctic is already warming four times faster than the rest of the world. This same region is home to a village of about 500 people who are already living through extreme pollution from existing oil projects.

— Brandon Lebeau, Arlington Heights

Will public health prevail?

As Michael Hawthorne writes, "When it comes to lung-damaging smog, Chicago and the rest of Cook County are the nation's worst neighbors" ("When it comes to smog, sorry," March 6). This summer, our area will account for more than a fourth of the smog in Kenosha and about a fifth of the bad air in Racine and Sheboygan in Wisconsin, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

The EPA is going to clamp down on large polluters with its Good Neighbor Plan, which is expected to cost industry $1.1 billion but result in health benefits worth at least $9.3 billion and as much as $18 billion, Hawthorne writes.

As usual, corporations will resist just about anything that cuts into profits and are acting legally and politically against the antipollution rules.

Will corporate profits or public health prevail?

— Richard Barsanti, Western Springs

Climate's financial risks

Thank you to Michael Frerichs for his well-reasoned op-ed on the financial risks inherent in investing ("The perilous denial of climate change's financial risks," March 3). I fully support his point of view that ignoring climate risks and limiting investor choice are dangerous.

I spent close to 40 years in the financial industry, mostly managing my institution's balance sheets. That entailed running the interest rate risks and liquidity risks. However, I also monitored credit risks. Given my experience, I am keenly aware of various market risks, and I agree that climate change is now as important as the other "traditional risks."

This is exactly why the Federal Reserve and the Securities and Exchange Commission are asking large financial institutions to monitor and stress such risks. In my capacity, I was also a member of the committee overseeing the bank employees' U.S. pension and 401(k) investments. I believe it would have been negligent for our committee to limit investment choices that add a layer of safety by managing environment, social and governance risk factors.

Understanding risk/reward opportunities is a major part of successful investing. Ignoring fundamental risks obstructs an important assessment and is not financially sound.

— Jonathan Light, Laguna Niguel, California

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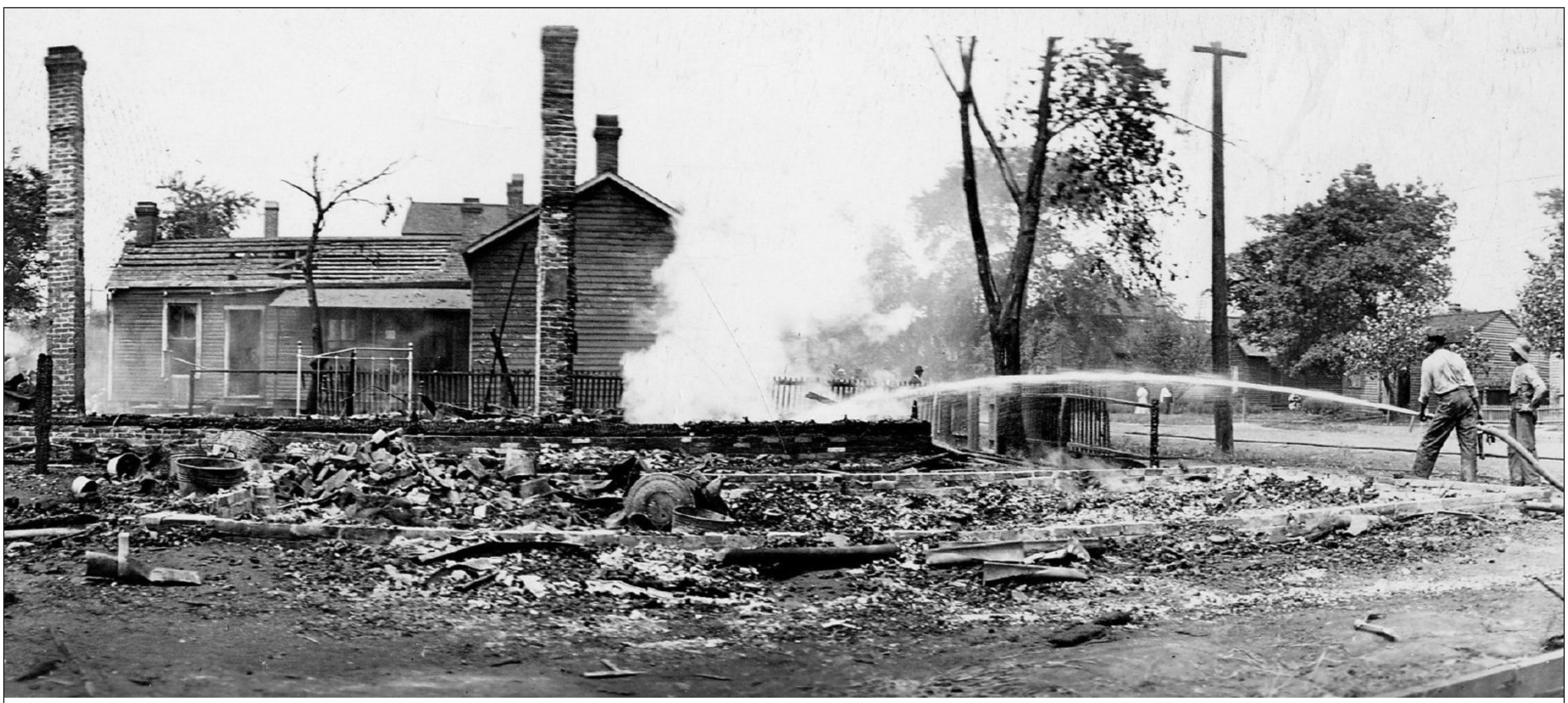

One of 40 Black-owned homes destroyed by rioters in Springfield in 1908. The event helped lead to the creation of the NAACP. **ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY**

Making site of 1908 Springfield riot a monument would inspire change

By Walter Katz

U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth have introduced legislation to memorialize the 1908 Springfield Race Riot by making its site a national monument. It's not a minute too soon. In fact, many outside of Illinois are unfamiliar with this tragic piece of American history — even after a renewed focus on historic racial violence including widespread commemoration of the century mark of the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921.

The terrifying event was incited by the arrest of two Black men after they were accused of crimes against two young white women and the father of one of the women. Before the two could be tried, an angry white mob, enraged by inflammatory press coverage, attempted to lynch them, only to learn the sheriff had secretly transferred them out of the city for their protection. The mob proceeded to burn and terrorize the Black neighborhoods of Springfield, killing residents and destroying businesses.

Over the past few years, Springfield residents, especially the local NAACP, have done a masterful job telling this story, remembering the victims and garnering bipartisan support for the Durbin-Duckworth legislation. Advocates are also urging the president to take executive action under the Antiquities Act.

While I have yet to find anyone who opposes these efforts, I'm sure some skeptics may ask, "Why insist on bringing up the past?"

For me, and the thousands of Black Americans connected to this tragedy, it's not just the past. It's personal. William Donnegan, my great-great-great-granduncle, was murdered during the riot.

For the first few decades of my life, I was unaware of my relationship to William or the tragedy in Springfield. I was born in Chicago and placed for adoption as a newborn. At 7 months old, I joined my new family — part of the last generation of babies who came out of orphanages. My adoption was sealed, so I had no way to learn the identity of my birth mother.

Roughly 10 years ago, the law changed so that if both the parent and child waive confidentiality, both can have access to the original birth certificate. I found my birth mother through an ancestry investigation and Facebook, where I reached out to her with the simple words, "I think you're my mom."

From this reunion, I unlocked the incredible history of my family. My maternal grandmother's family hailed from Christian County, in western Kentucky. The matriarch, Lee Ann Donnegan, was born in 1794 and had seven children. Spencer, my great-great-great-grandfather was the oldest boy.

Though the circumstances are unknown, Lee Ann and her family were emancipated in the 1840s. Records show that she bought the freedom of her husband, and they all moved across the Ohio River to southern Illinois. Two of her sons, Spencer and William, were involved in the Underground Railroad. Spencer was a barber and founding pastor of Springfield's first African Methodist Episcopal Church. William was a shoemaker. Press accounts in 1908 note that he made shoes for Abraham Lincoln.

On the first day of the riot, the white mob burned homes in predominantly Black neighborhoods and lynched Scott Burton, an older man. William was married to a white woman and thought that would make him a target. He asked for protection from the sheriff or the militia, but none came. On the second day, the rioters came for him. The mob dragged him from his house, cut his throat and hung him in a tree. He died the following day in a hospital — a retired 80-year-old man who had built successful businesses and helped people escape slavery and was a pillar of his community.

William was laid to rest in the same cemetery as Lincoln, the Great Emancipator — albeit in what was then called the "colored section." His murder garnered national attention and helped spur the creation of the NAACP on Feb. 12, 1909.

Long before learning my family's story, I felt called to help eliminate racial injustice and seek fairness and accountability through reforms to our broken justice system. From my 17 years as a public defender in California to my work with communities on the South and West sides of Chicago, I have seen what happens when the call for help and justice is not answered. I have designed and implemented evidence-based violence prevention and police accountability strategies.

We have made great strides in this country on bipartisan criminal justice reforms, violence reduction policies and police reforms that advance racial equity and make our communities safer.

And yet, more than a century after the Springfield Race Riot, through Jim Crow, redlining, the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., all the way to the senseless murder of George Floyd and beyond, Black people are still calling to be safe.

So why dredge up the past? Because it is reflected in our present. And to change hearts and minds and enact critical reforms, we must continue to lift these stories, constant reminders of how far we've come, and how far we must go.

I can think of no better way to honor the memory of the victims of the 1908 Springfield Race Riot, including my great-great-great-granduncle William, than by passing the bill that would create a monument. Doing so can help us work toward the day when the senseless killings of Black men are not the norm, and history stops repeating itself.

Walter Katz is vice president of criminal justice at the philanthropic organization Arnold Ventures.

Due process denied: FCC Media Bureau kills diverse media ownership

By Soo Kim

I believe in the power of local news. Strengthening American democracy depends on more engaged and informed citizens at the local level. But in today's fractured media environment, there are fewer credible options for consumers to turn to for their news. Local broadcast news can help fill this void.

My company, Standard General, is acquiring broadcaster Tegna because I want to build a new company that will be a leader in preserving and enhancing community news, investing in newsrooms and programming targeted to local audiences, and adapting in a rapidly changing technical and competitive environment.

We're ready to invest, but regulators in Washington continue to hold us back.

The Federal Communications Commission's Media Bureau recently announced it would refer the proposed transaction between Standard General and Tegna for review by an administrative law judge.

This seemingly mundane regulatory action is an unprecedented overreach of authority that, if allowed to stand unchallenged, effectively blocks our purchase. Thus, any future applicant seeking to acquire Tegna or any other TV station will have to be acceptable to the Media Bureau in its sole, absolute and unreviewable discretion. Given the Media Bureau by tradition is responsive to the chair of the FCC, this completely obviates the purpose of a bipartisan commission ratified by Congress and turns the other Democratic and Republican commissioners into mere bystanders.

Bally's Chairman Soo Kim at a new conference with Mayor Lori Lightfoot to celebrate the passage of the casino deal on May 25, 2022, at City Hall. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Indeed, this is the first time the FCC has ever acted through the Media Bureau in a manner designed to kill a pending transaction without referencing a single rule or regulation the transaction might violate and without any consideration of conditions that would address any outstanding concerns. It is also the first time the FCC has ever acted to effectively kill a TV merger without a vote by the full commission.

Furthermore, this will turn the public interest standard on its head by restricting investment in and ownership of wide swaths of the economy to those deemed acceptable by regulators armed with this new precedent. The plan for Standard General to acquire Tegna presumed careful review by the Department of Justice and FCC, but we had no reason to doubt final approval given that we were purchasing an existing company made smaller by a couple of upfront divestitures.

While having a few public objectors is not uncommon, we were surprised by the level of vitriol and vague allegations made about "foreign influence," despite me being a U.S. citizen and my company being U.S.-based. Counsel for NewsGuild-CWA shamelessly said the deal "does not promote ownership diversity as it is understood by the public interest and civil rights community," implying that Asian Americans are not included within the concept of diversity.

Nevertheless, we trusted the system and were confident we had followed all the rules and precedents. Our faith was tested as a review that was expected to last six months stretched to nearly a year. The customary public comment period went an unprecedented three rounds. During this time, we tried repeatedly but with little success to engage the FCC and the Media Bureau to get feedback on our responses to petitioners' concerns. We were led to believe that there was nothing to discuss.

Then with no warning, the hammer dropped: The Media Bureau ordered an administrative hearing, which pushes the process beyond the May 22 final deal termination date and effectively scuttles the deal without ever bringing it to a vote with no clear recourse.

The Media Bureau claimed the administrative judge needs to review additional evidence related to potential impacts on jobs and consumer prices. Yet the parties have already turned over millions of pages of evidence, sat through hours of depositions, responded to all comments and inquiries of fact and law, and offered concrete commitments to address these very issues.

Put simply, the Media Bureau is being allowed to scuttle this deal because it doesn't seem to think I should own these stations. Who knows why? And therein lies the danger. By arbitrarily defining public interest, the Media Bureau has effectively made itself judge and jury. This issue merits broader public attention and scrutiny, and our deal deserves a full vote by the commission on its merits.

If this outcome stands, it is impossible to know where it ends.

Soo Kim is managing partner and chief investment officer of Standard General and CEO of Bally's Corp., which is seeking to build a casino on the site of Chicago's Freedom Center, where this and other newspapers are printed.

OBITUARIES

JOSEPH ZUCCHERO 1954-2023

Owner of Mr. Beef, inspiration for restaurant in 'The Bear'

By Bob Goldsborough
For Chicago Tribune

Mr. Beef co-owner Joseph Zucchero slices beef at his restaurant in 2009. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Joseph Zucchero had owned Mr. Beef — known for its Italian beef sandwiches and most recently the model for the TV show "The Bear" — in the River North neighborhood since 1979, and for more than four decades was a staple at the restaurant, familiar to patrons ranging from sewer workers and executive recruiters to comedian Jay Leno.

"He was Chicago personified. He was a no-BS, tell-it-like-it-is guy, and I think that's what the city truly is," said former Chicago radio personality Erich "Mancow" Muller, who has patronized and promoted Mr. Beef since arriving in Chicago in 1994.

Zucchero, 69, died March 1 at Rush University Medical Center after being admitted to the hospital on Feb. 24, said his son, Christopher, the restaurant's co-owner. A longtime Park Ridge resident, Zucchero had been battling lymphoma for many years, and hospital officials attributed the cause of death to sepsis, his son said.

Born in Chicago, Zucchero grew up in Norwood Park and attended Taft High School. As a young man he worked for a carpet company and in the meat department at a North Side Dominick's grocery.

At 25, with his own savings and some help from his father-in-law, Zucchero decided to buy a restaurant, his son said. It was 1979 and he bought an existing establishment at 666 N. Orleans St. in River North, which was not yet a gentrified neighborhood. The restaurant had been named Mr. Beef by previous owners.

Zucchero was a constant presence in the restaurant, and so too, almost from the beginning, was Leno, who often would stop for a sandwich after performing at a North Side comedy club.

"Oprah (Winfrey's) got her restaurant," Leno told late-night host and future rival David Letterman in May 1989, while Letterman originated his program from Chicago for a week. "I got Mr. Beef over on Orleans."

Leno told the Tribune in 1989 that Mr. Beef is "a straightforward place, one of those places that's uniquely Chicago."

"Jay gave us a backing at a time when Jay was becoming famous too, and Jay didn't have to do that," Christopher Zucchero said. "All of these relationships that we had were very organic. Jay just liked my dad, and my dad liked Jay."

At the restaurant, Zucchero "thrived," his son said, on the relationships he had with his customers and employees.

"He loved being there," his son said. "He loved the way people came there and connected to him. There were these moments of down time after (meal) rushes, a lot of people looked forward to talking to him, and I think he knew that and he was always present. It was always genuine and he very much liked doing that."

Other celebrity diners included actor William Shatner and the rock band Van Halen, both brought to the restaurant by Muller.

In 2008, Zucchero opened a second restaurant, Natalino's, on Chicago Avenue in Ukrainian Village. It closed in 2012.

In recent months, the restaurant saw a boom in business owing to the FX series "The Bear," about a struggling Chicago beef sandwich and its harried kitchen brigade. The TV show's creator, Christopher Storer, grew up with Christopher Zucchero, and the interiors of the restaurant on the show mimic those of Mr. Beef.

"I worked for him at Natalino's and it was one of the most fun jobs I've ever had in hospitality because of Joe," said "The Bear" producer and Park Ridge native Courtney Storer, who is Christopher Storer's sister. "He was an incredible storyteller who would have an entire room captivated for an entire 20 minutes because everyone loved his animation and storytelling."

"He really went to bat for all of his staff. It was like he was the pops or the dad, and we were all like his family, which made for a really fun environment" Storer said.

Zucchero told The New York Times in August that the show's popularity had boosted demand for Mr. Beef's Italian sandwiches from 250 to 300 each day to 800 per day.

Zucchero was an avid collector of rare movie posters — he frequented movie poster conventions — as well as lobby cards, his son said. He also collected antique cars and bobbleheads.

In addition to his son, Zucchero is survived by his wife of 45 years, Camille; a daughter, Lauren; a brother, Dominic; and a sister, Claudine Grippo.

A visitation will take place from 9 until 11:30 a.m. on Saturday at Cooney Funeral Home, 625 Busse Highway in Park Ridge. A funeral service will take place at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON MARCH 12 ...

In 1664, New Jersey became a British colony as King Charles II granted land in the New World to his brother James, the Duke of York.

In 1912 Juliette Gordon Low founded the Girl Guides, which later became the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. Also in 1912, at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., Army Capt. Albert Berry made the first parachute jump from an airplane.

In 1922 Jack Kerouac, the Beat Generation novelist ("On the Road"), was born in Lowell, Mass.

In 1925 Chinese revolutionary leader Sun Yat-sen died in Beijing; he was 58.

In 1930 political and spiritual leader Mohandas Gandhi began a 200-mile march in India to protest a British tax on salt.

In 1933 President Franklin Roosevelt delivered the first of his radio "fireside chats," telling Americans what was being done to deal with the nation's economic crisis.

In 1947 President Harry Truman established what became known as the "Truman Doctrine" to help Greece and Turkey resist Communism.

In 1955 jazz saxophonist and composer Charlie Parker died in New York; he was 34.

In 1959 the House joined the Senate in approving statehood for Hawaii.

In 1980 a Chicago jury found John Wayne Gacy Jr. guilty of the murders of 33 men and boys. (The next day, Gacy was sentenced to death; he was executed May 10, 1994, at Stateville Penitentiary near Joliet.)

In 1987 "Les Miserables" opened on Broadway.

In 1989 about 2,500 veterans and supporters marched at the Art Institute of Chicago to demand that officials remove an American flag placed on the floor as part of a student's exhibit.

In 1994 the Church of England ordained its first female priests.

In 1999 Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic joined NATO.

In 2000 Pope John Paul II asked God's forgiveness for the sins of Roman Catholics through the ages, including wrongs inflicted on Jews, women and minorities.

In 2001 a U.S. Navy jet mistakenly dropped a bomb on a group of military personnel at a bombing range in Kuwait, killing five Americans and one New Zealander.

In 2002 Houston homemaker Andrea Yates was convicted of murder in the drowning deaths of her five children in the family bathtub. (Yates was later retried and found not guilty by reason of insanity.)

In 2003 Elizabeth Smart, the 15-year-old girl who had vanished from her bedroom nine months earlier, was found alive in a Salt Lake City suburb with two drifters.

In 2005 Terry Ratzmann, a longtime member at the Living Church of God in Brookfield, Wis., shot and killed seven parishioners and wounded four others before killing himself. Also in 2005 Brian Nichols, suspected in the slayings of a judge and three other people, surrendered to authorities in suburban Atlanta after allegedly holding Ashley Smith hostage in her own apartment. Also in 2005 Bode Miller became the first American in 22 years to win skiing's overall World Cup title, in Lenzerheide, Switzerland.

In 2008 New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer resigned two days after reports had surfaced that he was a client of a prostitution ring.

In 2013 NASA scientists said the Curiosity rover found the building blocks of life in a rock sample on Mars.

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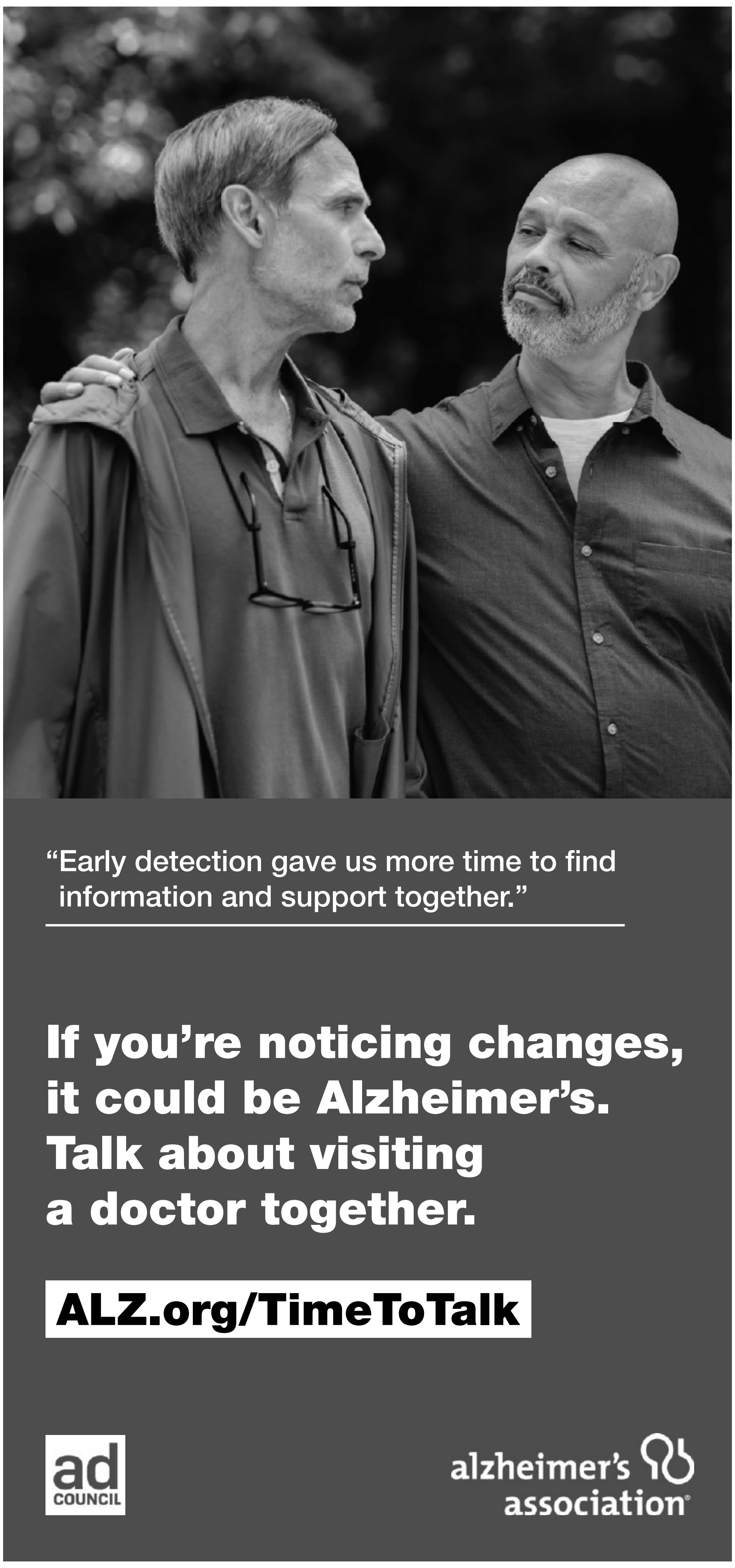

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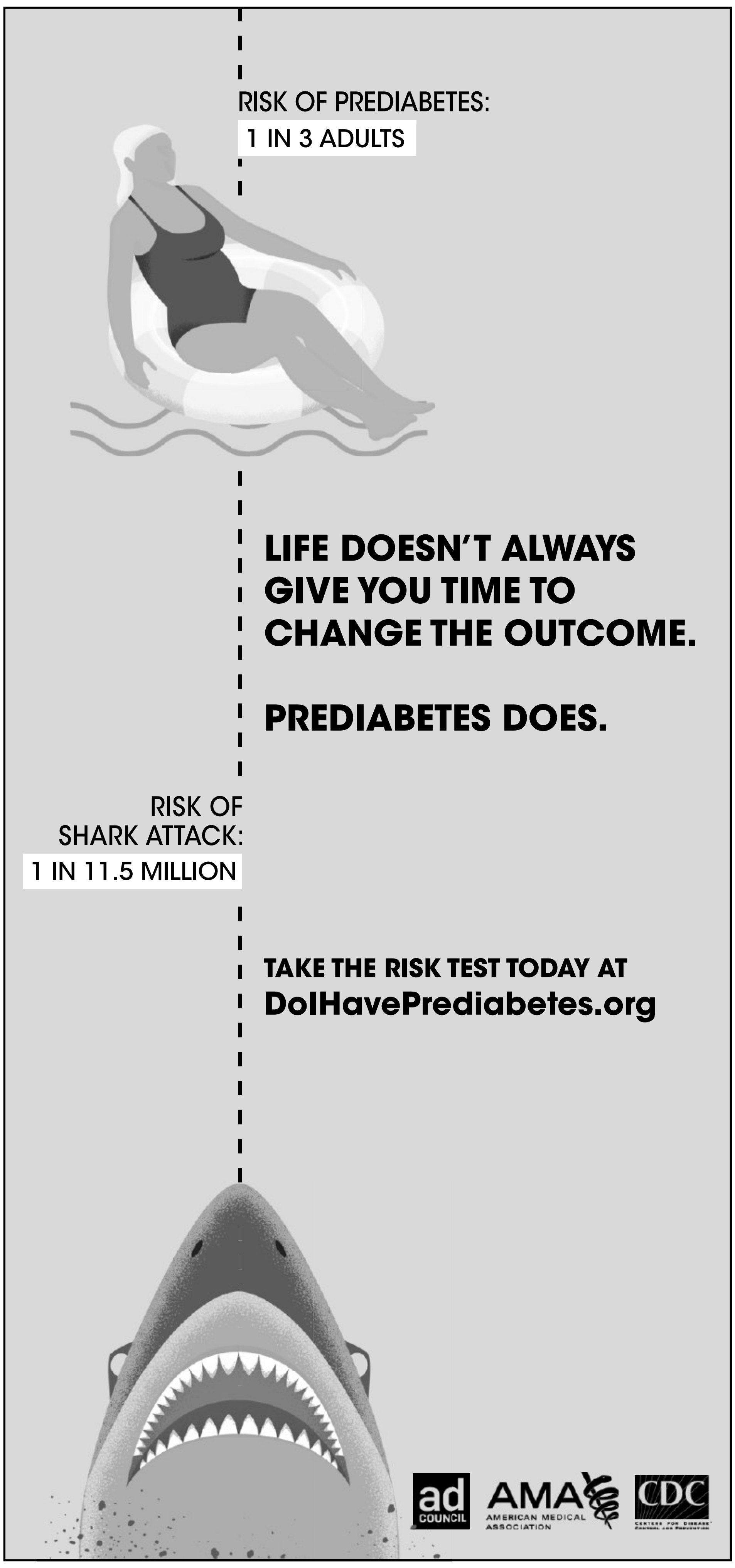

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Adams, Sanford

Sanford Adams, 84. Beloved best friend and husband of 60 years to Joni; devoted father of Garrett (Carolyn) Adams and Todd Adams; cherished grandfather of Tyler, Shane, Trent, and Payton Adams; caring brother to the late Paul Adams; proud uncle to Meredith (Barry) Kaltman and the late Ross (Robyn) Adams; loved by many wonderful friends, family, and caregivers. Funeral service Monday, March 13, 11:30 AM at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to H2O Adaptive Sports (http://www.h2oadaptivesports.com/) or the Cancer Wellness Center (https://www.cancerwellness.org/).

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Adent, Maryanne Colette

Maryanne Colette Adent, age 74, of Highland, IN passed away on March 05, 2023. She is survived by her brother: Anthony Adent; nephew: Elliott (Bethany) Adent; and numerous cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents: Leo and Jennie Adent and Sister; Bernadette. Maryanne was a member of St. Maria Goretti Church; a graduate of Assumption Grammar School and Mother of Sorrows High School. Maryanne was a longtime employee with the Chicago Tribune where she worked as a graphic artist in the advertising department. Funeral Mass will take place Saturday March 18th 10 a.m. at St. Maria Goretti Church, 500 Northgate Dr. Dyer, IN. Visitation will be from 9-10 a.m. in church. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers; donations can be made to the American Cancer Society. Please visit us at www.burnskish.com.

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Albright, Timothy James

Timothy Albright, 71, beloved husband of Vicki Albright and loving father of Brett Albright, passed away on February 21, 2023 surrounded by his family. Tim was the dear brother of Paula Albright, Ami (Michael) Baron, Christine (William) Headley, and uncle to many. A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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Bent, Joan Oven

Joan Oven Betts Bent, 91, a longtime resident of Lake Forest, Illinois. Passed away on March 5, 2023, in Chicago. Beloved wife of the late David H. Betts and the late Gordon Bent.Loving mother of Joanna (the late Howard) Virkler, Louise (Robert) Egan, Marie (Sam) Bartlett, Elizabeth (Steve) Aguina, David (Jennifer) Betts; Stepmother of Elizabeth (Robert) Pasquesi and Catherine (Christopher) Carolin. Grandmother of Justine (Rich), Philip, Arthur (Darcia), and Marie Treadwell; Emily, Alice, and Nicholas Egan; Nate and Jeannie Bartlett; Molly and Will Aguina; David Betts, Tegan (Max) Montatskiy, Haley, and Mason Betts.

Stepgrandmother of Whitney Pasquesi, Marea (Kenton) Johansson, and Alex Pasquesi; Reid (Cody) Carolin and Christopher (Lauren) Carolin.

Great-grandmother of Gordie and Greta Maguire, Sophia and Palmer Treadwell, Noble Treadwell, Tommy and Billy Montatskiy, and the Bent family great-grandchildren.

Dear sister of the late David J. (Elizabeth) Oven Jr., the late Claire M. Oven, and Herbert C. (Deanne) Oven.

A memorial service will take place Saturday, April 22, 2023, at 3:00 pm at The Church of the Holy Spirit, 400 East Westminster Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045.

Please omit flowers. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**. For further information call 773-631-1240 or www.suerth.com.

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Bingham Jr., James P. 'Jim'

James "Jim" P. Bingham Jr., age 73, late of Mokena, IL passed away March 2, 2023. Jim was often described as one of the kindest, sweetest, and most sincere man you would ever meet. He was thoughtful and welcoming to everybody. He had a unique sense of humor that bordered on goofy. Most of all Jim loved spending time with his family, especially his godchildren, nieces and nephews. He will always be present in our heart. Beloved husband of Jean Bingham. Dear step-son of Florence Bingham. Loved brother of Thomas (Sharon) Bingham, the late Richard (Sharon) Bingham, Adrianne (Jimmy) Gannon, Ed (Nancy) Baron, and Roy (Dawn) Baron. Dear son of the late Elizabeth "Betty" Bingham and James P. Bingham Sr. Adored brother-in-law of Margaret (Thomas) Hegber. Uncle to several nieces and nephew. Per the family's wishes, there will be no service. Interment will be Private. Cremation rites entrusted in **Vandenberg Funeral Home**, 19604 Wolf Rd. Mokena, IL 60448. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For more information 708-479-1210 or www.vandenbergfuneralhome.com

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Bucher, Anne Carole

Anne Carole Bucher of Palatine, Illinois passed away on March 9, 2023 after a decades-long battle with Multiple Sclerosis. She was born December 25, 1959, and grew up in Bethesda and Potomac, Maryland. Daughter of the late William M. Bucher, Sr. and the late Claire H. Trolier (Joseph) of Silver Spring, Maryland, Anne was an exceptionally bright student and a gifted artist. She graduated from Wake Forest University with a Bachelor of Arts (Cum Laude) in 1981 and earned her Master of Science Degree in Nutritional Biochemistry from Cornell University in 1984. Anne had a career as a food science researcher and packaging designer first with General Mills, and then with Kraft Foods, where she was credited with twelve packaging patents for the company.

She was especially proud of producing an authoritative and comprehensive history of Kraft's scientific accomplishments called "The Greatest Thing Since Sliced Cheese," a book which has been cited as a source for company press releases and articles since its publication in 2005. Anne became a pioneer for handicapped employees at Kraft and ultimately became a visible representative and advocate at Kraft headquarters for the company's employees with disabilities.

She was an avid gardener, artist, and friend. She loved to invite others to enjoy her garden and generously shared her personal works of art, including beautiful greeting cards, drawings, watercolor and acrylic paintings, with her friends and family.

Through the years, Anne depended on a succession of dedicated caregivers to whom she was indebted for allowing her to live her life as freely as possible. The family wishes to specially thank those who cared for her near the end of her life: Elsa Elaasar, Eloisa Dabu, and Jocelyn Hauripata.

Anne was predeceased by her parents; she is survived by her partner, James T. Abrahams, her faithful companion cat Bruno, a brother, William M Bucher, Jr. (Gayla) of Salisbury, NC, and a sister, Patricia M. DeVere (Randy) of Warrenton, Virginia, as well as nieces Lauren Terwilliger, Abigail Ness and their families, niece Danielle DeVere and nephew Randy DeVere, III.

Funeral arrangements are to be announced later. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations for Multiple Sclerosis research be sent to the Civitan Research Center, The University of Alabama at Birmingham, 1720 2nd Ave South, Birmingham, AL 35294.

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Callaghan, Sr., John Patrick

John Patrick Callaghan was born in Akron, Ohio to Mary Theresa Mangan and John Francis Callaghan on May 29, 1939. After his loving mother passed away when he was two years old, his father decided to join the family in Chicago where John grew up with his dear cousins, Jack, Gerry, Pete, and Joe Joyce. After high school, he was a USMC Reservist.

He was devoted to the late Margaret Mary Kelly who passed away on January 30, 2023, they married in 1967 on the Northwest side where they raised their sons, John (Michelle,) and Lance (Shawndra.) He took pride in being a doting grandfather to Ryan, Katie and Cain, a loving Uncle and a loyal friend to many. John loved to reminisce and was a great storyteller with a hearty laugh and a gift for humor. A man of deep faith, he enjoyed the community of St, Robert Bellarmine Parish throughout his lifetime. He relocated with his loving wife Margaret to Naples, Florida last year, where they enjoyed the warmth and sunsets from the lanai.

He passed away peacefully, Saturday, March 4th, in Naples, and will be remembered with love. A private Memorial Mass will be held this summer, in Chicago. Entombment will take place at All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls @ mercyhome.org

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Chandler, Bruce

Bruce Chandler, age 94, a lifelong resident of Lake Forest, Illinois passed away peacefully on November 16, 2022. Bruce and his twin sister, Nora, were the youngest children born to Grace Tuttle and Kent Chandler. He was a graduate of Bell School, Groton, and Yale University. Following his education, he served in the Marines and fought in the Korean War. He was a businessman with a career in sales and corporate management. He served 3 years as president of Onwentsia Club. He enjoyed playing squash at tournament levels throughout the Chicago area while also excelling at golf. He spent many childhood summers fishing and hiking at the Huron Mt. Club. His greatest joy was teaching his children and grandchildren how to enjoy the outdoors, hunting and fishing. Family meant the world to Bruce. He was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, Kent, Jr. (Frances), Emerson (Carter), Henry "Harry" (Clarissa), and Nora Chandler. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Jenny Stewart; children Christopher, Logan (Nanette), Stuart (Faith) and Hilary; 7 grandchildren, Henry, Alexander, Charlie, Emerson, Juliette, Whitney and Abigail; and many nieces, nephews and extended family. A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, 700 N. Sheridan Road, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045. Info. Reuland & Turnbough at 847-234-9649 or www.RTfunerals.com.

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Ciral, Shevlin Joseph 'Shev'

Friends and family will remember Shev for his decency, humility, kindness, and silliness. Shevlin Joseph Ciral, 95, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on March 8. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 66 years, Diane, his devoted children, Jody Ciral Williams (Tom Sax), Dan/Flip (Jennifer), his cherished grandchildren, Ryan Williams (Katie), Nathan Ciral, Gordon Ciral, Monica Fishbein, Sophie Fishbein, Sebastian Sax, and devoted friend Elmo Rosales. Shev was a Hyde Park guy, a Navy veteran, and owner of Big Bay Lumber Company for over half a century. He loved chocolate, Special K, Da Bears, the White Sox, and jazz ..but most of all his family.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to The Greater Chicago Food Depository or a charity of your choice in Shev's memory. Memorial service plans are being made.

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Coe, Maria Olivia

Maria Olivia Coe (nee Bustamante), age 82, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. She was born on June 4, 1940, in La Feria, Texas to Pedro and Guadalupe (nee Torres) Bustamante. Maria is survived by her loving children, Sandra (Joseph) Foley, Steve Coe, Brian (Wende) Coe; 10 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers; many nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Richard Coe. Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2023, 11:00 a.m., at St. Mary Immaculate Parish, 15629 S. RT 59, Plainfield, IL. Inurnment St. Mary Immaculate Cemetery, Plainfield. Arrangements entrusted to **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**. Info: 630-922-9630 or www.beidelmankunschfh.com.

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Corso, George Joseph

George Joseph Corso, age 81, passed away Thursday, March 9, 2023. George is survived by his sister Barbara Matthei and her children, Carolyn Matthei and Jeremy Matthei and by numerous cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Genevieve (Rusin) Corso. Visitation Monday 4 to 8 P.M. Funeral Tuesday 9:15 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home**, 7909 State Road (5500W) Burbank, IL 60459, to Queen of the Universe Church Mass 10 A.M. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Funeral Info 708-636-2320.

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Cummings, Mary A.

Mary A. Cummings, nee Danczynk, 68, Beloved wife of James J.; Devoted mother of Shawn, Melinda (Richard, Jr.) Green, Elizabeth (Nicholas) Prazuch, Tracey (Walter) Vojacek and Ann Cummings; Proud grandmother of Cameron and Colson Radowski, William and Ethan Prazuch, Seamus Cummings and Vladimir Vojacek; Loving sister of Edwina McAfee, the late Walter, Betty Jean Citko and Irene Vysoky; also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Memorial Visitation Thurs., Mar. 16, 2023, 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM at **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th St., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. Family and Friends will gather Fri., Mar. 17, 2023, for a Memorial Mass at 11:30 AM at St. Christina Church, 111th Street & Christiana Ave., Chicago, IL 60655. Interment Private. For Funeral Info.: (708) 422-2700 or www.curleyfuneralhome.com.

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Faillo, Arleta (nee Eber) 'Lee'

Age 92, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at her home with her loving family by her side.

Lee was preceded in death by her former husband, Mark Daniel Kleeberg (1975), who was father to her five daughters, and also preceded in death by her husband, Robert J. Faillo Jr. (2021); her daughter, Mary Blackburn and her parents, Arthur and Minetta (Bachman) Eber.

Survived by her daughters, Laurie (Barry) Corbin, Carol (Bill) May, Gail (Pat) McNamara and Chrissie (Jay) Blair; her step-son, Robert (Deb) Faillo and her step-daughter, Barbara (Lawrence) Olszowka; loving grandmother of numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild;

one brother, Arthur Eber.

Lee was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed singing in church choirs, having lunch with her neighbors and friends, her daughters and grandchildren. Before retiring, she worked part time at an employment agency, and was instrumental in helping her daughter Carol get started in a new career. Later, after she and her husband Bob retired, they worked together at the Carillon Real Estate office to help buyers get acclimated to the over 55 community living style. Many a morning was spent playing online card game "Spades" with her late daughter Mary and completing crossword puzzles in her favorite newspaper, the Chicago Tribune. She loved looking out her back window at nature and living by the water. She enjoyed looking outside at the swans, her "squirrely", and of course, "red" the bird! Her favorite animals were her granddogs, and loved getting visits from Mia, Tia, Nugget, Jenni, Lucky, and Daisy. She would never turn down an offer of ice cream, and her absolute favorite was "Magnum Ruby". AKA her "mini-bar". Everyone who knew her, from her grandson Dan to her loving caregiver Alice, or her friend and housemate Joe, was invited by her to sit down and share a "mini-bar" with her!

She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

A Memorial visitation will be held at the Carlson-Holmquist-Sayles Funeral Home and Crematory 2320 Black Road in Joliet on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 from 10:00 AM until time of service at 12:00 Noon with Chaplain Matt Wolf officiating. Inurnment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

For information (815) 744-0022 or visit her tribute page at www.chsfuneral.com.

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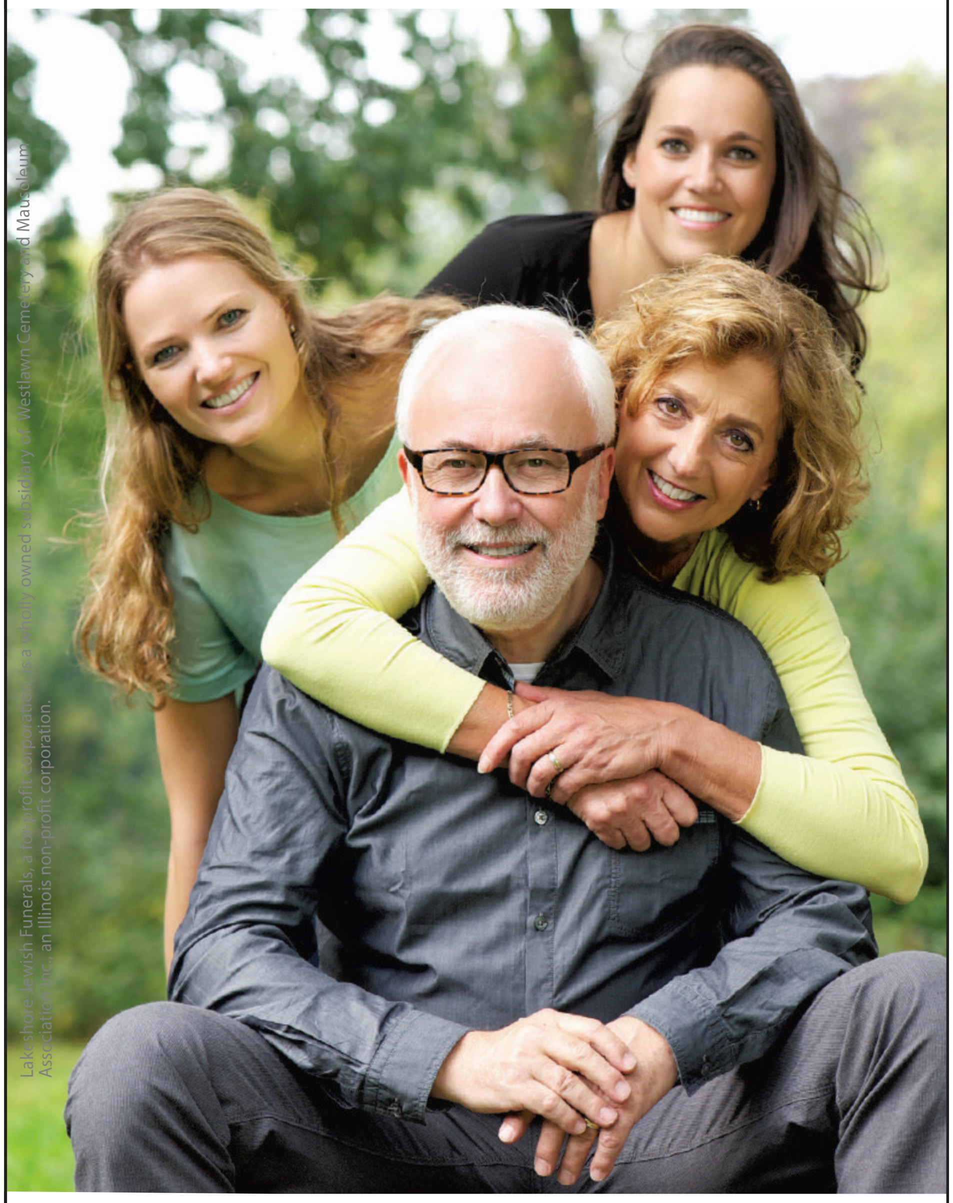

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Furio, Nicholas C.

Nicholas C. Furio, age 89, of Downers Grove, passed away March 11, 2023. Beloved husband of the late Mary Furio. Loving Father of Mary (Tom) Wisnionski, Jim (Dawn) Furio, Gina (John) May, Randy (Kathy) Furio and Michael (Michelle) Hill. Fun loving Papa of Carli (Ryan) Waszak, Teagan (Kevin) Fleming, Devin Furio, Jamie Furio, Graham Nelson (Zoe, Fiancé), Andrew Wisnionski, Hailey Furio (Carson, Fiancé), Nathan Wisnionski, Cade Nelson, and Kennedy Nelson. Dear great papa of Colton, Brody, Jaxson, and Taylor. Nicholas met Mary at a ranch in Michigan. This group of friends would go on to visit this ranch as well as another ranch in Wisconsin annually for the next 50 years. He loved to sing, dance, travel, and most importantly spend time with his children, grand-children, and great grandchildren. He was the life of the party. The grandkids did their best to keep up with Papa. He would stay up until 2am playing cards and sipping on the occasional glass of scotch. He never wanted to miss out on time with family and friends. He was always the last one to leave a party. Nicholas served his country in the United States Army from 1954-1956. Nicholas sang with a group called The Good News Singers at church for many years. He spent most of his career in real-estate in Chicago. He loved Chicago so much that he enjoyed his career until he was 77 years young. He had a fulfilling social life with many friends. Visitation 2-8 p.m. Tuesday March 14th at **Hallowell & James** Funeral Home, 301 75th St., Downers Grove. Mass 10 a.m. Wednesday March 15th at St. Scholastica Church, 7800 Janes Ave., Woodridge. Funeral info: 630-964-6500

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Gaunce, Frank Seth

Frank Seth Gaunce, age 89, passed away March 3, 2023. He was born on April 11, 1933 in Upper Kent, New Brunswick, Canada. Visitation will be Saturday, March 18, 9:00-11:00 AM at the **Overman-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, corner of Routes 30 & 59, Plainfield. Funeral Services will follow at 11:00 AM at the funeral home. Interment Lincoln Memorial Park, Aurora. For information please call 815/436-9221 or visit www.overman-jones.com

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Gore, Mary Josephine 'Mary Jo'

Mary Josephine "Mary Jo" (McNulty) Gore, of Chicago, IL., passed away unexpectedly on March 6, 2023, following a brief illness. Mary Jo was born on June 22, 1956, to the late Gerald and Sally (Mongoven) McNulty. She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Theodore "Ted" Gore, one daughter, Megan (Rikki) Michenna, and her favorite grandson, Declan Michenna. Addtionally, Mary Jo is survived by her six siblings: Anne Marie (Vic) Gagliano, Jack (Laurie) McNulty, Jerry (Kim) McNulty, Sally (Jim) Starshak, Sheila (Rick Lewandowski) Serafin, and Tom (Karen) McNulty. She will also be greatly missed by her many nieces and nephews and their families. Visitation Monday, March 13, 2023, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at **Muzyka & Son Funeral Home** at 5776 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, IL. 60630. Funeral Mass Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Pascal Catholic Church, at 3935 N. Melvina Ave., Chicago, IL 60634. Interment to follow at St. Adalbert Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Heart Association would be appreciated, www.goredforwomen.org, or P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692.

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Gould, Jr., Gordon Kinzie

Gordon Kinzie Gould, Jr., an award-winning journalist, a celebrated Broadway and voice actor, and a patron of the arts, passed away peacefully in his Manhattan apartment on February 26, 2023. He was 92 years old. He will be remembered not only as a talented professional, but also as a loving family man and friend.

Born in Chicago in 1930, Gordon was a descendant of John Kinzie (1763-1828), a fur trader from Quebec who moved to Chicago around 1802 with his wife and child. They were among the first permanent non-indigenous settlers in Chicago.

Gordon attended The Putney School in Vermont and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Yale University in 1952. He also attended Clare College at Cambridge University on a Mellon Fellowship and received his Master of Arts Degree from there in 1954. Gordon's love and mastery of the English language was evident throughout his life.

After graduating from Cambridge, Gordon covered police and local government for the Chicago News Bureau and joined The Chicago Tribune as a feature writer in June 1956. Within five years, Gordon was awarded the 1961 Edward Scott Beck Award for Excellence in Foreign News Reporting for his thrilling and dramatic story, published in two parts in September 1960 in the "Chicago Tribune Sunday Magazine," of an adventure-packed, four and one-half month trip in which he and 11 others were the first to drive passenger cars— three bright red Corvairs —from Chicago to the Panama Canal along the Inter-American Highway. At the time, the route included a then unfinished link through the virtually unmapped Darien Jungle. It is miraculous that he lived to tell the tale of his encounters with the hazards of an unchartered jungle crossing, which included raging, swollen rivers, landslides, malaria, and nightmarish mountain ridges.

Gordon's other feature articles brought a wide scope of topics to readers, including traveling to Europe with small children; porpoises; impressionable gifts for men; art; and Charles Darwin. He also interviewed celebrated artists such as Charles Schulz, Alan Arkin, Julie Andrews, Olivia de Havilland, Jerry Orbach, William Friedkin and Roald Dahl.

Growing up before the advent of television, Gordon was an avid radio fan and yearned to be a radio actor. But by the time he was old enough to be one, radio dramas had largely disappeared. When he moved to New York, he was overjoyed to discover the CBS Radio Mystery Theater and to be invited by Himan Brown to join his pool of actors. Gordon eventually played in 60 episodes of "Mystery Theater" (1974-1982) and was the last American actor to portray Sherlock Holmes on a nationally syndicated radio show.

Gordon also played villain General Veers in the radio adaptation of "The Empire Strikes Back", alongside Mark Hamill (as Luke Skywalker), Billy Dee Williams (as Lando Calrissian) and John Lithgow (as Yoda). The program first aired on National Public Radio in the United States in 1983.

Gordon was the voice of countless radio and TV commercials. Some New Yorkers might remember his voice in the TV commercials for the Ritz Thrift Store in the 1970s and 1980s in which he intoned, "You don't need a million to look a million." He also was heard as the narrator for the "Treasure Hunters" series on the Discovery Channel and many National Geographic Explorer films.

Over 34 years, Gordon brought books to life for the visually impaired, recording more than 600 Talking Books for the Blind for the Library of Congress. His Talking Books range from such classics as "The Aeneid," Ovid's "Metamorphoses," "The Divine Comedy," "Moby Dick," "Joseph and His Brothers," the 1,000-year-old Japanese novel "The Tale of Genji" and "The Complete Poetry of John Greenleaf Whittier," (all 500 double-columned pages) to mysteries, erotic novels and three translations of The Bible. Forever a perfectionist, Gordon's Manhattan apartment has a bookcase filled with dictionaries to which he regularly referred, ensuring that he pronounced each word correctly in the recording studio.

Gordon was also a regular on-stage presence. After acting in high school and college shows, he made his London stage debut while studying at Cambridge. Later, he joined the celebrated APA-Phoenix Repertory Company and toured North America for six years with plays such as "You Can't Take It with You," "Right You Are," "Pantagleize," "The Wild Duck," "The School for Scandal," "Exit the King" and "The Show-Off" (with Helen Hayes), all of which eventually landed on Broadway. He performed in many more plays Off-Broadway, and in regional theaters across the country.

Gordon also acted in a dozen plays on Broadway, including "The Merchant of Venice" (with Dustin Hoffman as Shylock) and the original New York productions of "Amadeus" and "Strider."

Gordon and his beloved wife of 51 years, Mary, were avid patrons of the arts, particularly opera. They regularly traveled across the United States and Europe to attend operas and music concerts. A Saturday rarely went by without Gordon listening to the Metropolitan Opera broadcasts on WQXR. Their Manhattan apartment was a modern-day Parisian salon with friends gathering regularly to listen to music (including a recital of all of Chopin's piano etudes) and exchange ideas. They frequently discussed the arts, travels and global affairs.

Gordon's career and mind were impressive, but no more so than his gentle, loving nature. He was predeceased by his wife, Mary, and his dear son John Kinzie Gould. Gordon is survived by his beloved daughter and grandsons, Nell Gould and Cooper and Griffin Gould.

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Hopper, Kathleen T.

Kathleen T. Hopper, nee O'Connor, age 78, at rest March 7, 2023; Beloved wife of the late John J. Hopper; Loving mom of Debbie (Kyle) Stewart and Colleen (Tom Ruley) Hopper; Dear grandma of Maeve, Emily and Steven; Dear daughter of the late Donald and Bernadette O'Connor; Dearest sister of Rev. Michael O'Connor, O.S.A., Bernadette O'Connor, Patrick (Rosemary) O'Connor, John (Lynn) O'Connor, the late Maureen Gibbons, the late Peggy O'Connor, the late Donald O'Connor, the late Joseph O'Connor and the late Thomas (Nancy) O'Connor; Fond aunt of many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews; A Private Family Visitation will be held Monday followed by a Mass 11:30 a.m. at St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel, 7740 S. Western Avenue, Chicago; Interment St. Casimir Cemetery; Arrangements have been entrusted to Curley Funeral Home, Chicago Ridge; For Funeral info (708) 422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com.

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Howell, June M

June M. (Bouch) Howell from Arlington Heights, IL went home to the Lord peacefully on March 9, 2023, surrounded by loving family. Born June 5, 1931, in Winnipeg, Manitoba; preceded in death by her mother Nellie (Cakebread) Bouch, Father Geoffrey Bouch, daughter Fay A. DiCristofano, and brother Jeffrey Bouch. She is survived by her daughter Elaine G. (John) Wray, twin-sister Ann Carrier of Vernon, British Columbia, grandchildren Angela (Kevin) Kostner son Logan, Vince (Seyla) DiCristofano daughter Ameliana and son Leonello, Kenneth (Marian) DiCristofano son Vincenzo and daughter Charlotte, Cris DiCristofano, Michael Wray, Bradley Wray, and niece Lori Tross of Murfreesboro, TN. She leaves behind many dear friends from the Evangelical Free Church of Des Plaines, and Illinois Bell where she retired in 1989. Arrangements: visitation and funeral at Oehler funeral home 2099 Miner St. Des Planes with visitation on Monday March 13th from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm and services Tuesday March 14th at 10:30 am, Pastor Steve Hjelle officiating. Burial will be at Memory Garden Cemetery, 2501 E. Euclid Ave. Arlington Heights. Funeral info 847-824-5155 or www.oehlerfuneralhome .com

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Hughes, Elaine

Elaine Burgess Hughes, 88, of Lake Forest IL died January 5, 2023. Wife of the late William Hughes; stepmother of Jacqueline (the late Ronald) Graber and David (Debra) Hughes; mother of the late Wendy Hughes, Sarah Hughes and Heather Hughes; aunt of Cindy (Art) Zemke and John (Christine) Massengill; grandmother of Justin and Jillian; great-grandmother of Aria and Aiden. The memorial service will be held Saturday, May 13 at 3pm at Trinity United Church of Christ, 760 North Ave, Deerfield IL, (847) 945-5050. Memorial contributions can be made to Lake Forest Open Lands Association, 350 N. Waukegan Rd, Lake Forest IL, (847) 234-3880 www.lfola.org. Info: **Wenban Funeral Home** 847-234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com.

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Karp, Dorothy Joan

Dorothy Joan Andrews Baiocchi Karp, 1932-2023, passed away on March 7. Loving mother of 8; grandmother of 15; great-grandmother of 13; great great grandmother of 2. A Memorial Visitation will be held Saturday, March 18th, from 3pm to 6pm, at Olson Burke Sullivan Funeral and Cremation Center, 6471 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago, IL 60631. Please view the online obituary and a link to stream the Visitation at www.cremation-society.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the National Kidney Foundation at www.kidney.org

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Kneesel, Robert John "Bob"

Robert John "Bob" Kneesel, 97, beloved husband of Ann nee Daniel, loving father of Thomas (Beth), Robert (Valerie), and the late Linda Barnard; loved grandfather of Justin (Shelly) and Darren (Laine) Barnard, Shawna, Katherine, Erin, Brian (Lara), and Susan Kneesel, Annie (Peter) Bednarski, and Tara (James) Warnsdorfer; and great-grandfather of Kiley Spanel, Quinn, Lorenzo, Giada, and Matteo Kneesel, Xavier and Autumn Warnsdorfer and Tommy Bednarski; dearest uncle of Frank (Melanie) Davenport, Jr. Visitation from 9:00 am until the time of Funeral Mass at 10:00 am, Thursday at St. James Catholic Church, 831 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arl. Hts, Ill. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, St. Scholastica Monestary, 7430 N. Ridge Blvd., Chicago, IL 60645-1913 or the Cure 4 The Kids Foundation, 1 Breakthrough Way, Las Vegas, NV 89135, www.cure4thekids.org.

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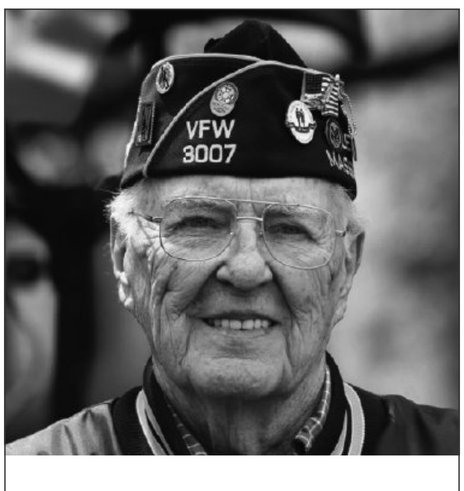

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Koch, Stephen Harry

Stephen Harry Koch, 80, of West Palm Beach, Florida and Highland Park, Illinois. Beloved husband of Barbara, nee Glick; loving father of Stuart (Christine, nee Schaap) Koch, proud grandfather of Della and Mira Koch; cherished son of the late Seymour and Calmina Koch; favorite uncle of Jeff (Michele) Worth, Ron (Pam) Worth, Steven (Gay) Guller, Robert (Kelly) Guller, Nancy (Michael) Hayt, Dan (Eric) Guller, Jan Kantor, Marcie (Michael) Handler, Tom (Brenda) Glick and the late Deborah (Nesanal) Breningstal; caring brother-in-law of Jerry (Eleanor and the late Judy) Glick, Carole (late Lewis) Worth and Lois (late Arthur) Guller; kind great uncle to many and friend to the countless who knew him. Mr. Koch was a charter Member of The Chicago Board Options Exchange. Funeral services will held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 16, 2023 at Am Shalom 840 Vernon Ave, Glencoe, IL 60022. Interment Rosehill Cemetery. Memorial contributions to Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (www.themmrf.org) or JAFCO (www.jafco.org) appreciated. For funeral Information please call 847-256-5700.

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Kostrzewski, Jeanette Marie 'Jan'

Jeanette (Jan) Marie Sperka Kostrzewski, formerly of Western Springs, Illinois, died peacefully after a full life on Friday, March 10, 2023. She was born May 5, 1939, in Chicago.

She graduated from Loyola University with her bachelor's degree and masters. She was a high school counselor with the Chicago Public Schools for over 35 years.

She enjoyed tennis and even coached high school tennis. Jeanette and her husband Robert enjoyed traveling and photography. Jan traveled around the world, attended plays and the theater and concerts. Jeanette was an avid reader, she dabbled with painting, she enjoyed gardening and her flowers.

Jeanette was a member of St. Cletus Catholic Church in LaGrange, Illinois and volunteered in their food pantry. She was also a member of the American Association of University Women and Chicago Teachers Union. She was a patron of the Lyric Opera and she volunteered at the Brookfield Zoo for over 10 years.

Jeanette is preceded in death by her beloved husband Robert T. Kostrzewski, parents Stanley P. and Agatha Wielgus Sperka, brother Louis (Alice) Sperka. She is survived by her niece and nephews Mark (Janice) Sperka, Thomas (Sheri) Sperka, Valerie (Greg) Bendel, Robert (Linda Kirby) Sperka, sister-in-law Barbara Kostrzewski and 2 great nieces and 3 great nephews and other extend family.

Graveside services with entombment will be Thursday, March 16 at the Resurrection Catholic Cemetery, 7201 Archer Road, Justice, Illinois at 12 PM (Illinois time).

Memorials in Jeanette's name may be made to Brookfield Zoo at https://www.czs.org/Brookfield-Zoo/Donate

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Kozil, Elaine

Elaine Kozil, age 91. Cherished mother of Lori (Scott) Rybski and Sandy (Robert) Pfeiffer and the late Brian Pintzow; loving grandmother of Brian (Nina) Stout, Kevin (Heather) Stout, Charlie (Erin) Rybski and great-grandchildren Ariele, Dylan, Addison, Blake and Scarlett; devoted daughter of the late Max and Dorothy (Bryer) Kozil; dear sister of Morton (Barbara) Kozil, Paul (Alice) Kozil and the late Ronald "Ronnie" (survived by Irene) Kozil; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Graveside services Monday, March 13th, 1:15 PM at Westlawn Cemetery (Memorial section) 7801 W. Montrose Ave., Norridge. The funeral can be viewed on Elaine's website on www.mitzvahfunerals.com live, or anytime after the funeral. Contributions in Elaine's name to the Alzheimer's Association www.alz.org would be appreciated. Info Mitzvah Memorial funerals 630-MITZVAH 630-648-9824

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Kramer Smith, Jean Barbara

Jean Barbara Kramer Smith, age 101, died peacefully on March 7, 2023, in Lake Bluff, IL. Jean was born in Kaukauna, WI. She was married to Dr Jacques M. Smith in 1946, he preceded her in passing in 1991. She is survived by her children Scott (Jocelyn) Smith and Karen (George) Baker, and grandchildren Matthew and Olivia Smith. A memorial service for Jean will be held Monday, March 20, 2023 at 12:00pm at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Kaukauna, WI. She will be laid to rest next to her beloved at Holy Cross Cemetery. For additional information or to share a memory please see Jean's page at wichmannfuneralhomes.com

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Kucia, Angeline Mary

Angeline M Kucia (nee Maturo) of Downers Grove. Beloved wife of Eugene for 59 years. Loving mother of Lori (Mark) Park, Patrice, Thomas (Melissa), and the late Joseph Kucia. Devoted grandmother of Rebecca and Amanda Park, Milo and Ryder Kucia. Cherished sister of Bertha Graham, the late Geatano, and the late Stanley Maturo. Dear aunt and great-aunt of many. Fond sister-in-law of Thaddeus (Luida and the late Evelyn) and Joan (late Fredrick) Mrozek. Visitation 4 to 8 pm Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 301-75th Street, Downers Grove. Prayers 9:15am Thursday, March 16, 2023 at the funeral home to St. Mary of Gostyn Church, Downers Grove for Mass at 10am. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Funeral home phone 630/964-6500 or www.hjfunerals.com

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Kukac, Dorothy A.

Dorothy A. Kukac, née Kosatka, age 90, of Downers Grove, Illinois; beloved wife of the late William C. Kukac, Jr.; loving mother of Denise (William) Glynn and Glenn (Sandy) Kukac; fond longtime partner of the late John Tuider; cherished companion to her cats, Calli and Olivia; dear friend to many. Dorothy was a longtime employee of the Mary Ann's Shoppe in La Grange, Illinois. She will be remembered fondly by her friends in the Victoria Ridge subdivision in Downers Grove.

Visitation Tuesday, March 14th, 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home**, 4343 Main Street (1 Blk. So. of Ogden Ave.), Downers Grove, IL. Private Family Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Hinsdale Humane Society, 21 Salt Creek Lane, Hinsdale, IL 60521 or www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org/donate, appreciated. Information: 630-968-1000 or www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com.

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Larmon, Carole E.

Carole E. Larmon (nee Lanphear), age 78, a Naperville resident since 1983, formerly of Chicago's South Side, Madison, NJ and Vienna, VA, passed away on Sunday, March 5, 2023 at home surrounded by her family. She was born April 28, 1944 in Evergreen Park, IL. **Arrangements by Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL.** For service times and a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.

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Loris, Raymond Lynn

Ray Loris says "So long!"

On March 6, 2023, Ray moved on to the next chapter of his existence. Ray's most recent chapter was a full one, starting on the northwest side of Chicago on March 19, 1929 with his parents, Peter and Anna, his older brother, Bill, and then later his younger brother, Emil. Ray grew up during The Depression and World War II, attending Scammon Elementary School and Lane Tech High School. His formative years were strongly affected by his experience with the Boy Scouts where Ray proudly achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and many leadership positions.

Shortly after following his father into the tool and die trade, he met the love of his life, Dawn (Larsen). They married on February 11, 1951, where their first 2 years of wedded bliss were interrupted by Ray's military service, including his 1 year deployment to Germany. Upon his return, they started a family and moved to Des Plaines, IL, where their family grew to include Bill, Jim, and Barb. Ray's career evolved beyond tool and die shops to include manufacturing engineering and management positions at Motorola and S&C Electric, from which he retired in 1993. After raising their family in Des Plaines, Ray and Dawn moved to Mt. Prospect, and then to Huntley, IL for the past 20 years, with Ray all the while working very skillfully on his passion for building "things", cultivating friendships, and making his wife giggle.

Ray is leaving behind a large group of people who are celebrating this wonderfully long chapter of his existence, including his wife, Dawn, his 3 children, Bill (Patty), Jim (Joyce), Barb Loris-Ballowe (Jim), 10 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, sister-in-law, Carole, 4 nieces, and many friends, both very long-time and recent new ones. But most importantly Ray is leaving his legacy of the Loris Humor, "Wanna see where a horse bit me?"

A celebration of Ray's time with us will be scheduled at a later date.

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Marol, Jr., Ralph William 'RW'

Ralph William ("RW") Marol Jr. passed away on December 5th, 2022, after a short, courageous battle with leukemia. He spent his last days as he always lived them: learning, laughing, and enjoying the company of others. Born in Chicago, Illinois, and raised in nearby Hazel Crest, Ralph eventually settled in Evanston. It was there that he lived with his wife and soulmate, Maureen Gast, and where they raised their family. A man of many talents, Ralph led successful careers in finance, real estate, and retail, having, at one time, owned a bakery. He was larger than life and embodied the spirit of generosity in everything from his warm smile to his kind demeanor. He is survived by his son, Matthew, who misses their time spent on woodworking projects, Yahtzee tournaments, books on tape, and Chicago sports banter. Info: donnellanfuneral.com or (847)675-1990.

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McEachran, Mary Lou

Mary Lou McEachran was born on September 4, 1932 in Akron, Ohio to Chris and Margaret Peterson, now deceased. She died on March 1, 2023 in LaGrange Park, Illinois at the age of 90. Mary Lou and her two brothers, John and Charles, both now deceased, lived their early years in Boone, Iowa where she graduated from Boone High School in 1950. She graduated from Iowa State University in 1954 with a BS in Science. Following graduation, she married Richard Robbins and spent the next twenty years supporting her husband in his career as an Officer in the US Army. He died unexpectedly in 1974 with the rank of Colonel. They had three children; Rebecca Tilden (Jim), Sarah Busch (John), and Dan Robbins (June). As an Army Wife and for many years after, Mary Lou taught elementary school in many locations, receiving numerous recognitions and accolades. While at Iowa State University, Mary Lou and Richard developed life-long friendships that remained of great importance to Mary Lou throughout her adult years. Mary Lou was an active member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumni organizations. She was on the Board of Directors at Greenhill Senior Living Facility in Ames, Iowa. Both Mary Lou and her mother, Margaret, were lifetime members of P.E.O. In 2001, Mary Lou married Daniel McEachran, a close friend from her Iowa State years, and together they began a 21-year odyssey of life's golden years. Their travels spanned across all of the continents of the world. Mary Lou is survived by her three children, her husband Daniel, four grandchildren; Dan Tilden (Holly), Mackenzie Patel (Pratik), Emma El-Shami (Amin), and Anna Busch, three great-grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, and four step-great grandchildren. A memorial service of Mary Lou's life will be held on March 19, 2023 at 2:00pm at Plymouth Place in LaGrange Park, Illinois. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside. Funeral info: 708-352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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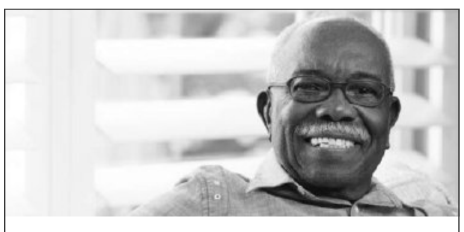

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Meis, Margene M.

Margene Mary Meis (nee Holubar), a resident of Villa St. Benedict in Lisle, IL, formerly of Solon, IA and Naperville, IL from 1965-2017, died peacefully of natural causes on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, age 91, at Villa St. Benedict, with her family at her side. Margene was born on a farm at the edge of town in Solon, IA, on January 15, 1932.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2023, 9:00-10:30 AM at **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville.**

Services will begin Thursday, 10:30 AM from the funeral home and will proceed to an 11:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial at SS. Peter Paul Catholic Church, 36 N. Ellsworth Street, Naperville.

Interment will follow at SS. Peter Paul Cemetery, Naperville.

For a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.

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Millies, Paul E.

Paul E. Millies, U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran, a 50 year resident of Oak Lawn, died after a long illness on March 8. Beloved husband for 51 years of Diane nee Bonk. Loving father of Steven (Mary Claire), & Jeffrey (Ashleigh Sala) Millies. Cherished grandfather of Andrew, Nora & Henry. Funeral Tuesday 9:15 am from **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St. in Oak Lawn to St. Gerald Church for Mass at 10:00 am. Interment private. Visitation Monday from 3:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Paul was a 37 year employee of Tool Steel Service, Inc. in Bridgeview from where he retired in 2014. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the St. Vincent de Paul Society c/o St. Gerald Church, 9310 S. 55th Ct. Oak Lawn, IL 60453 would be greatly appreciated. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Morgan, Carolyn

Celebration of Life for Carolyn Morgan, businesswoman specializing in refrigerated interstate trucking, graduate of Northwestern University, Transportation Center. Member of MBV-USMC Contingent, Gold Canyon, AZ and 'Arizona Grandma' to Bella and Lexie. Beloved wife of Paul Olenski, Gold Canyon. Born in East Chicago, Indiana in March, 1959. She was a joy to her parents, Robert Hinkle, Father, Helen Hinkle (nee Bond), Mother. Her beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of her child, Christina, Adam, Isabella and Alexandra Charnstrom – Daughter, Son-in-Law, and Grand Daughters. Donna (nee Hinkle) and Douglas Heintz – Sister and Brother-in-Law, Amber and Jason Gilliland – Niece and Husband, Jonathan and Julia Heintz - Nephew and wife. George and Judy Bond – Uncle and wife. Bill and Anna Maria Hinkle – Uncle and wife. And many more extended family, friends and business associates in the American Midwest and Southwest. Services at St. George Catholic Church, 300 E 16th Ave, Apache Junction, AZ 85119, on Friday, March 24, 2023, at 9:45am with lunch to follow. And a week later, at St. John Lutheran Church, 505 S. Park Road, LaGrange IL 60525, on Friday, at 11am, with lunch to follow. Carolyn will be interred on a future date at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA with her husband, Paul F. Olenski, Corporal, USMC, upon his death.

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Moss, Alice E

Alice E. Moss, 84, of Chicago, IL (b. March 5, 1938; d. February 25, 2023) peacefully passed away surrounded by her loved ones. A celebration to honor the life and love of Alice will be held Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 11:00 at St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church, 1424 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, IL, with a Memorial Celebration of Life to immediately follow. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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Myers, Christine 'Chris'

Christine "Chris" Myers (MacGregor), aged 97, of Glenview, IL, passed away peacefully on March 4, 2023. She was born on May 18, 1925, to Mary and Alan MacGregor of Verona, PA. Chris graduated from Peabody High School in Pittsburgh, PA and became licensed as an RN. It was while she was working as a nurse at Westinghouse Air Brake Company in Pittsburgh, PA that she met and married George V. Myers, who preceded her in death. A beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, Chris loved to entertain at her homes in Glenview and in Naples, FL. She resided in Glenview for almost 70 years and was an active member of the community, serving on the board of Hadley School for the Blind. She is survived by her daughters Susan Weichert, Janet Ledniczky, Nancy Adams, 5 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. Funeral services will be private. The family would like to express our thanks to For Papa's Sake Home Care of Arlington Heights, IL, and to LifeChoice Hospice & Palliative Care of Wheeling, IL. If desired, friends may make memorial contributions Hadley School for the Blind, 700 Elm St., Winnetka, IL 60093 (www.hadley.edu). Condolences may be made at www.nhscotthanekamp.com. (847-998-1020).

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Noffsinger, Thomas A.

Thomas A. Noffsinger (aka Pops), age 86, of Elburn, passed away Thursday, March 9, 2023 at his home in Elburn surrounded by his loving family. He was born October 24, 1936, in Chicago, to Malcom and Edith (née Cartwright) Noffsinger.

Thomas was a proud member of Local 597 Pipefitters Union for over 60 years.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 64 years Carol (née Bush); daughter Tracelle (Barry) Morrison; grandchildren Brian (Alexandra) Noffsinger, Gina Noffsinger, Lauren Korosa, Brad (Robin) Morrison, and Rachel Morrison; and many more relatives and friends.

Pops was proceeded in death by his beloved son and daughter-in-law Thomas "Tommy" and Patricia (née Glynn) Noffsinger, his parents, and his sister Jean Lindburg.

Visitation will be held Sunday, March 19, 2023 from 2:00 until 8:00 pm at **Malone Funeral Home**, 324 E. State Street (Route 38), Geneva.

Funeral services will be held Monday, March 20 at 11:00 am at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 320 Franklin Street, Geneva with Reverend Dr. Mark Tusken officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Anderson Animal Shelter, 1000 S. La Fox Street, South Elgin, IL 60177 or https://ahconnects.org/se/ or to the St. Mark's Choir Trip Fund.

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Pasiewicz, Mitchell S.

Mitchell S. Pasiewicz. Age 73. Beloved Husband of Teresa Pasiewicz. Loving Brother of Chester (Janice) Pasiewicz. Dearest Uncle of Anthony Pasiewicz, The Prokop Family, The Lewkowicz Family, The Pasiewicz Family, and many other family members in Poland and throughout the United States. Visitation Friday March 17, 2023 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the SKAJA Terrace Funeral Home 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles, IL. Funeral Saturday 9:00 AM to St. Hyacinth Basilica for a 10:00 AM Mass. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Mitch was a member of the Club Bialystok, the Polish American Police Association, and the Chicago Society of the PNA. Mitch was a inspector with the Cook County Assessors office for over 27 years. Funeral information 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Pawelek, John Joseph

John Pawelek, 81, of Huntley, passed away peacefully in his home on March 5, 2023, surrounded by family. John was a loving husband and dedicated father. He enjoyed traveling and creating cherished memories through road trips and camping. John was a respected Skokie police detective for thirty-one years and went on to serve another thirteen years with the Cook County State's Attorney in Rolling Meadows. After moving to Del Webb in 2006, John and Diane became very active in their neighborhood, and they loved visiting with friends and neighbors. In his free time, John was an avid sports fan and a proud supporter of all his favorite Chicago teams. He also had a love for automobiles, golf, and playing cards. He adored all his pets and was known for his kind heart and willingness to lend a helping hand.

John is survived by his daughters, Paige (Tom) Mistak and Wendy Pawelek.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 55 years, Diane Pawelek, and his brother Robert (Phyllis Trout) Pawelek.

Visitation will be on March 21, 2023, from 9 a.m. to time of Mass 10 a.m. all at St. Mary Catholic Church, 10307 Dundee Road, Huntley.

In lieu of flowers memorials, please make a donation to your favorite aniamal shelter or Animal House Shelter https://checkout.shelterluv.com/donate/AHSI

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Picken, Kathleen "Kitty"

Kathleen "Kitty" Picken was born in Chicago, IL in 1950. She was adopted by a loving couple, Robert and Doris Picken, who owned the Peerless Confection Company, the company that produced the original, ever-popular "starlight" mints. They gave their little girl every advantage that the Hyde Park neighborhood near the University of Chicago had to offer. When Kitty was 3, she broke a leg and Doris took her to the Oriental Institute on the University's campus because it was wheelchair accessible. By the time she was 4, she had already given her first tour of the Oriental Institute. After Doris died in 1975, Bob married Rita Tallent, who shared Kitty's passion for the Oriental Institute. When the Institute began its docent training program, Kitty and Rita were the first to sign up. Kitty's dedication to the Oriental Institute never waned. She developed a particular interest in Nubia, ancient Egypt's southern neighbor. In the 2000s, Kitty and Rita funded the Institute's permanent gallery dedicated to Nubia, the Robert F. Picken Family Nubian Gallery, which remains the only permanent gallery dedicated to this ancient African civilization anywhere in the United States.

Through her interest in Nubia, Kitty established a partnership with University of Michigan archeologist Geoff Emberling. Kitty encouraged Geoff to begin a new field project in Sudan on the ancient empire of Kush, offering financial, intellectual, and moral support. Her continuing support of his excavations led to more collaborative archeological practices that included Sudanese colleagues and engaged the local communities.

Her passion for archaeology and education inspired the establishment of an archaeology major at Berea College in Berea, Kentucky. She loved to meet with the students and share her stories and experiences with them. Kitty was embraced by the Berea community and happily traveled abroad with students from many programs, participating in tours of Ireland, Slovenia, Croatia, and Bosnia. A lifelong world traveler and former professional tour guide, Kitty had many more trips planned, including repeat trips to Great Britain and Iceland.

Kitty's family shared a love of music and a desire to support the performing arts. Kitty endowed the Rita Tallent Picken Regional Center for Arts and Humanities at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, a building affectionately called "The Rita." This endowment includes tuition assistance for hundreds of students. She was delighted to have Des Moines Metro Opera close at hand, attending productions every summer and hosting DMMO artistic director Michael Egel for regular dinners at her home. Kitty also was a member of the President's Society at Simpson College and enjoyed attending the operas performed by the students. Kitty was also an avid player of the recorder and play at local events in Indianola.

In addition to her other pursuits, Kitty was passionate about the history of Indianola, where her Picken and Piffer ancestors arrived in the 1850s. Kitty especially admired her grandmother, Emma Piffer Picken, who was widowed early in her marriage and taught school in Indianola for most of her life. Emma's father established what Kitty called the "Home Place," the farm that Kitty visited often as a child. After Rita's death, Kitty retired to Indianola and felt she had really come home. She joined the Warren County Historical Society and enthusiastically helped with several exhibits while also researching the history of her family in the area. She arranged for film and photos of the Picken family's century farm to be used in the sets of DMMO's inaugural production of A Thousand Acres.

Kitty had a gift for making friends wherever she was. She had an open, generous spirit and used the services of generations of dogs to create bonds with her neighbors. As one of her friends said, "We loved Kitty, even when she did kooky things or changed her mood. She was Kitty—unique, unfettered, and original." Another friend, noting the destruction of her condominium on Sanibel Island, remarked, "The lighthouse on Sanibel was just finally relit for the first time since the storm. It seems like perfect timing—symbolizing the light Kitty brought into so many people's lives!" Kitty will be missed by many relatives in the Indianola, Iowa area and would like us to particularly remember her cousin Steve Piffer and his wife Darcy and Steve's son Joe. Others who will never understand how Kitty could have left us so soon include dozens of dogs, hundreds of friends centered around Kenosha, WI, Chicago, and Indianola, and thousands of museum visitors across the world. Kitty will be buried in Indianola near her beloved grandmother Emma. A memorial service will be held in April in Indianola.

Memorial contributions can be made to one of the organizations closest to Kitty's heart: the Oriental Institute, the Kelsey Archaeological Museum at the University of Michigan, the Des Moines Metro Opera, the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, and Warren County Historical Society. To sign an online condolence, visit our website at www.overtonfunerals.com.

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Pieper, Patricia A

Patricia A. Pieper passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 surrounded by her loved ones. Patricia is survived by her husband Donald E. Pieper, daughter Pamela (John) Kaprales, twin sons Timothy (Janet) Gaber and Thomas Gaber.

Visitation will be held on Monday, March 13th, from 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM with a Funeral Service at 6:30 PM at **Bucaro Funeral Home & Cremation Center**, 485 W. Army Trail Rd, Bloomingdale. Please visit www.bucarofuneralhome.com or call 630-242-4700 for more information.

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Polen, William Penn

December 1, 1928 - February 28, 2023. Lived in Lombard for 60 years with beloved wife Shirley of 66 years.

Past Master of Laurel Masonic Lodge AF&AM, Member of Scottish Rite and Medinah Shriners and Past Patron Order of the Eastern Star. Devout member of Holy Trinity Church.

Survived by his wife Shirley, Children – Dean (deceased), Dawn (Jeff Hughes), Duane, Dale, Daneen (Doug Cady), Harry Therwanger (Ebon). Grandchildren – Kyle, Shawn, Makenna, Cullen, Payton & Madison. Nephew Chet Mall (Rosemary).

Memorial Service: Saturday, March 25, 2023 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 350 E Madison St, Lombard, IL (10:30 Masonic Ceremony, 11:00 Church Service). In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Scottish Rite Educational Fund https://swipesimple.com/links/lnk_7bbe7a7e or Eastern Star Home Residence Fund (9890 Star Ln., Macon, IL 62544)

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Raab, Victor

Victor Raab, 99. Loving father of Joanne (Keith) Roberts and Barbara (Mark) Resnik. Proud grandfather of Michelle Baldwin, Kevin (Whitney Rainwater) Roberts, Steven (Jenny), Felice (Alex Verbny) and Lori (Greg Klein) Resnik. Caring great-grandfather of Gavin and Max Baldwin. Beloved partner of 37 years to Delora Shapiro and her family. Cherished "Uncle Vic" to Lynne, Gary, and many cousins. Victor lived a long meaningful life that held the most extreme of highs and lows. He had a magnetic personality that made everyone feel special and will live in our hearts forever. Funeral service Monday, March 13, 10:30 AM at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Oakridge Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Kindertransport Association, www.kindertransport.org, or the Honor Flight Network, www.honorflight.org. For streaming info: www.weinsteinandpiserfuneralhome.com.

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Remen, Janet Parker

Life-long Evanston resident, Janet Parker Remen, known affectionately as "Grammy" to her 12 grandchildren, died peacefully on Feb 22nd. Janet was born on May 9, 1930, in St. Louis MO, the youngest child of Margaret and Lee Parker and younger sister of Jean Parker Morley. The family eventually settled in Evanston where, except for her college years at her beloved University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Janet lived her entire life.

Janet attended Miller School, Haven Middle School, and Evanston Township High School before attending the University of Michigan where she received a degree in education and met her husband Chuck, (Chuckles she affectionately called him).

Janet and Chuck were married for more than 50 years and raised their five children in an open and loving household that was always full of family and friends. She was generous with support for friends, acquaintances, and even near strangers. Janet was always happiest with a house full of people and as a result made connections that lasted a lifetime. In fact, her true passion was, simply, people. She liked nothing better than getting to know someone new. She ran a bed-and-breakfast out of the family home starting in the eighties, long before the idea was fashionable. She would engage her guests over the breakfast table and before they knew it, they had spilled their life story.

Janet and Chuck were married in 1952 and raised their five children together in Evanston. She and Chuck were birds of a feather, open and welcoming, friendly, and full of life, dedicated to their community and neighborhood. Just like Chuck, Janet was civic minded. She served as president of Miller School PTA and as president of the Foster Reading Center Board of Directors. Janet liked to keep busy. In the 70's she was flipping houses in Evanston, long before the Property Brothers were born and founded Bed and Breakfast Evanston/Chicago which became Janet's Place, decades before the Internet and AirBnb. Janet was a pioneer in many ways. Janet's intelligence, charm, wit, and compassion allowed her to bring out the best in people. Whether it was hosting the large growing Remen family (almost 30 including spouses and grandchildren), she was always happiest surrounded by family and friends.

After Chuck predeceased Janet in 2006, she married a second time to a former neighbor and longtime friend, Jim Moran. Together, they blended three Hinman Ave. families – the Remens, Morans, and Tuckers. Jim Moran predeceased Janet in 2009. Janet is survived by her children: Susan King (m. Robert) Carol (m. James Ossyra), Margaret Tarkington (m. Donald), Thomas, and Lee, twelve grandchildren, one great grandson and her dear caregiver Micaela Flores.

A celebration of Janet's life is planned for June, date, and location to be determined. For those interested in honoring Janet's legacy, donations may be made to the James B Moran Center for Youth Advocacy or the Chuck Remen Memorial Fund at the Evanston Community Foundation.

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Rooks, Jeanne M.

Jeanne M. Rooks nee Feigl; beloved wife of Donald. Loving mother of Lynne (Arthur) Sanders, Donna (Dennis) Clark and Kathy (Shawn) Gilleran. Proud grandma of Julia (Alex), Ryan, Sean, Matthew, Samantha, Grace, Jack, Maggie and the late Elizabeth and Kevin and great grandma of Theo. Dear sister of Dorothy Fiegl and the late Frank (the late Joann) Fiegl. Fond Aunt of Francine, Clare, Ann, Laura and Craig. Visitation Monday from 3:00p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Cumberland Chapels, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral services start Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home and then will proceed to St. Eugene Church for 10:30 a.m. Mass. Burial to follow at Maryhill Cemetery immediately after Mass. In lieu of flowers donations to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated. Info (708) 456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com

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Rotfeld, Steven Lee

Steven Lee Rotfeld, age 78. Beloved husband of Adrianne nee Ward. Dear father of Deanne (Mark Levy) Rotfeld Levy and Michelle (Michael Sacks) Rotfeld. Proud Papa of Sarah, Benjamin, Julian, and Izzy. Cherished brother of Helene (Mark) Rubert. Memorial service Sunday, March 19th 2 PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd. (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association 225 North Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 www.alz.org. To attend the funeral live stream, please visit our website. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Rozek, Gerald F. 'Jerry'

recently of Eustis, FL, and formerly of Mt. Prospect, IL and Delavan, WI, passed away peacefully on February 7. He was born on September 19, 1932 to Gerald J. and Frances Rozek. He is survived by his children Terese Ferrier, Stephanie Becker, and Gregg Rozek, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; he is also survived by his sisters Barbara Riley, Carol Scanlan and Phyllis (Jon) Graham. Services have been held.

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Scholly, Dr. G. Stephen

George Stephen Scholly, 91, died on January 23 at his home in Glenview, Illinois, after living with cancer for many years. He was a wonderful father, husband, doctor, teacher, and scientist. Born in 1931 to Francis and Grace (Billheimer) Scholly, Steve grew up in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania in between living at naval bases in Pensacola and Key West, Florida and Waukegan, Illinois. He graduated from Waukegan High School and later Northwestern University, where he earned his B.S. in 1953 and M.D. in 1956.

A quiet man rooted in science, hard work and the service of others, Steve found his calling in medicine. For much of his career, Steve was a Doctor of Internal Medicine at Lutheran General Hospital specializing in Pulmonology, where he also served as Director of Pulmonary Medicine. In this role, he treated many patients with breathing problems related to lifelong smoking or exposure to secondhand smoke. He became an avid anti-smoking advocate, passionately expounding on the health hazard that was only partially understood at the time. He also was an enthusiastic teacher, holding clinical professorships at the University of Illinois, and later the University of Chicago, and taught until his retirement.

Steve was practiced what he preached – he was an active athlete, had an impressive appetite, and yet chose to live the rest of his life in moderation, surprising his doctors (but not his family) with his longevity and perseverance. He is survived by Ellen (Bird) Scholly, his wife of 62 years; his children and their spouses: Kristen Scholly (Karl Bromwell) of Honolulu, Hawaii; Stuart Scholly (Linda) of Lake Forest, Illinois; and Alison Scholly Summy (John) of Chicago; his grandchildren Hannah, Josie, Kory, Bennett, Keean, Kendall, Cynthia and Kandace; his brother Philip Scholly of Norwalk, CT and many nieces and nephews around the country.

A celebration of life will be held at Glenview Community Church, 1000 Elm St., (at Glenview Road), Glenview on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, please direct donations to the Chicago Botanic Garden (www.chicagobotanic.org) or The Night Ministry (www.thenightministry.org).

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Sobanski, Richard

Richard Sobanski of Huntley, formerly of Mount Prospect. Beloved husband of the late Ann Marie Sobanski nee Terracina; loving uncle of many. Born in Chicago, IL, Rich passed away March 2, 2023. Rich was a coordinator of Eucharistic Ministers at St Raymond de Penafort Church for many years. Visitation Thursday March 16, 9:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 10:00 a.m. at St. Raymond de Penafort Church, Elmhurst Rd., (rt. 83) & Lincoln St., Mount Prospect, IL 60056. Entombment All Saints Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Mercy Home for Boys & Girls. Funeral information (847) 255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com

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Soergel, Oscar Carl

Oscar Carl Soergel, age 78, of Libertyville, formerly of Skokie. Owner of the former Concept Exterior Cleaning & Restoration Co., Oscar served in the U.S. Army National Guard. Loving father of Stephanie Soergel, Liana (Darren) Ganir, and Heidi (Nick Cimmarusti) Soergel; dear grandfather of Brandon and Kirstin Cisonno, Salvador Ganir, and Faith and Grant Cimmarusti; brother of Marlene (Ken) Fogelberg. Memorial Gathering, Saturday, March 18, 2023, from 1 to 5 p.m., with Eulogies & Remembrances at 3 p.m., at **HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a favorite charity. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook and to leave a condolence message.

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Sokachitch , Joseph R.

Joseph R. Sokachitch Army Veteran, beloved husband of the late Mary B. (nee Ternes); loving father of Joanne (Ray) Rogers, Diane (Cliff) Puetz and Jim (Kelly) Sokachitch; proud grandfather of Tia (Zack) Topps, Bobby and Kyra Puetz, Joe Rogers, Allison, Jacob, Scott and Kenna Sokachitch; Soon to be great grandpa of baby Topps; dearest brother of John (Rita) Sokachitch and the late Frank Stritch; dear brother-in-law of Rosemary Stritch; cherished uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday 3-8 P.M. Funeral Service Tuesday 10:00 A.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home** 17909 S 94th Ave Tinley Park Il 60487 Interment Private (708) 532-3100.

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Tetzlaff, Nancy W.

Nancy W. Tetzlaff, age 81, of Evanston. Beloved mother of Michael Tetzlaff, Peter (Katie) Tetzlaff, Catherine Tetzlaff. Loving grandma of Brianna, Michael, Ashley, Alexa, Jessica, Sarah, Steven. Dear sister of the late James Carl Wenzel. Prayer Service Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 10:00 am at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home,** 10045 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie, IL 60077. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to a charity of your choice. Info: donnellanfuneral.com or (847)675-1990.

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Vasalos, John J.

John J. Vasalos, age 83, of Kalamata, Greece and most recently of Prospect Heights, IL passed away on March 5, 2023. Beloved husband of the late Lorraine M., nee Demas, for 50 wonderful years. Devoted father to Charles (Jessica) Vasalos and Patricia Vasalos. Cherished Papou to Michaela, John, and James. Services will be held privately. More info 847-359-8020 or www.smithcorcoran.com.

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Vobornik, Patricia 'Pat'

Pat Vobornik, age 82, the strong, loving, centerpiece of her family passed away on February 28, 2023. Pat is preceded by Frank, her loving husband of 55 years and her brother, Jerry Crichlow; and survived by four children, Donna (Marc Lauerman), Laura (Tom McGloin), Ron (Catherine Simon) and Mark (Amy Thiesse); seven grandchildren, Gar, Addison and Wiley Lauerman, Emily and Elyse McGloin and Morgan and Max Vobornik; and her brother, Walter Crichlow. Pat loved her vacations; Devil's Lake, Disney World with family, Smokey Mountains with grandkids, weekends at casinos and the many cruises she took with Frank and family. As a resident of Oak Park for over forty years, she raised her family there and enjoyed the many neighbors and neighborhood children, many of whom she loved and cared for in her home. Pat enjoyed cooking and baking—but never shared her recipes. Memorials may be made to the Friends of Devil's Lake State Park by mail (P.O. Box 209, Baraboo, WI 53913) or on-line at friendsofdevilslake.org/donate.

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Wolfe, Howard O.

Howard O. Wolfe passed away on March 11, 2023, at the age of 99. Howard was preceded in death by his parents Arch and Lee Wolfe and his sister, Betty June Bezark. Howard had two children with his former wife, Sue Wolfe: Kerry Wolfe (Sherri) and Terry Arnol (Jeff).

He was the cherished grandfather of Brian Arnol, Alyssa Arnol (Aaron) Kaufman, Scott Arnol, Melissa (Jason) Gluskin, Molly Wolfe and Karli (Max) Morris. He was the proud great grandfather of Noa Kaufman, Violet Gluskin, Abby Capps, Landon Morris and Avery Morris.

Howard married his soulmate, Ellen Wolfe, in 1988 with whom he treasured their 35 blissful years of marriage, shared his professional life, enjoyed many wonderful trips, family times and ignited in him a rejuvenated love of Israel and Judaism.

Howard graduated from Marshall High School, attended the University of Pennsylvania and transferred to graduate from the University of Illinois. After college, he enrolled in the V-12 Naval officer training program and was a junior officer on an LCI ship in the Navy that saw significant action in WW2, including underwater demolition at Okinawa, clearing the mines for the approaching infantrymen.

After his naval service, he entered Loyola Law School, graduating with distinction and second in his class. He started his own law practice specializing in corporate law, estate planning and real estate. The firm grew in size and reputation and eventually included his son, Kerry, who practiced with him for 30 years. He loved the practice of law and established a reputation as a brilliant dealmaker and estate planner whose word was his bond.

He was a man of perseverance and determination. Despite having average athletic ability, he channeled his extraordinary concentration and strategic mind to become a club tennis player. He became a serious and disciplined runner, even winning a race in his age group. He took up golf late in life and became a master diagnostician who knew the game at the deepest levels.

He leaves an enormous void in our lives, but we will continue to carry him in our hearts and minds. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to JUF, Jewish United Fund, www.juf.org.

Chapel service Monday, March 13, 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment following at Shalom Memorial Park. For additional information, shiva and a link to view the service online, visit **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, www.shalommemorial.org, 847-255-3520.

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Zion, Conrad Keith

Conrad Keith Zion, 90, of Lake Bluff, Illinois, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday, March 6, 2023, after living with Alzheimer's disease for a number of years. Born January 29, 1933 to Esther and Earl Zion in Phoenix, Arizona. Conrad met his loving wife, Ginny, as an undergraduate at Stanford University and married in 1955. While at Stanford, he was a member of the Delta Chi fraternity, served in the ROTC, and received his degree in Economics in 1954 and his MBA in 1956. Upon graduation, Conrad served in the United States Army as a First Lieutenant in the Army Quartermaster Corps and as a Post Exchange Officer in Alexandria, Virginia. Conrad began his career at Boeing in Bellevue, Washington, and after some additional graduate studies at Case Western Reserve and MIT in neural networks, he moved to St. Louis, Missouri, to work for the American Investment Company. In 1979 he moved the family to Lake Bluff, Illinois where he joined Household Finance Company in their research department, eventually managing the Business Analysis Department at Household International. Conrad played a key role at HFC and achieved prominence in the risk management area by building an in-house risk management department, implementing automated credit bureau scorecards, installing risk management databases, and bringing neural network technology to automated decision making processes. His expertise required extensive travel to businesses throughout the United States, Canada, Australia, and the United Kingdom. He had a very distinguished career and was a well known leader throughout the Consumer Credit Industry. Before his retirement in 1996, Conrad achieved an industry first by incorporating economic data into the credit evaluation process across business lines at HFC. Travel was always a large part of Conrad and Ginny's life. They took their first trip to the Orient in 1959, returning to China to celebrate their 40th anniversary in 1995. They also visited Vietnam, Cambodia, Egypt, South Africa, Japan, Thailand, New Zealand, Australia, and traveled all throughout Europe. They loved spending time traveling with their family, especially taking Airstream trips out west to the Grand Canyon and annual trips to Fort DeSoto, Florida and Hilton Head Island. They continued the love of travel with their grandchildren with trips to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and time spent at their second home in Tucson, Arizona. Golf was a passion for Conrad, as he loved to play with friends and family, and to watch Tiger Woods as a proud Stanford alum. He was also a lifelong St. Louis Cardinals fan. Beloved husband to Virginia M. Zion for over 68 years; cherished father of Derek Zion, Peter (Phronsie) Kelly-Zion and Brett (Angela) Zion and fond grandfather of Seraphina, Clara and Christopher. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, March 13, 2023 at The Church of the Holy Spirit, 400 E. Westminster in Lake Forest, Illinois. For information contact **Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest** at 847-234-9649 or RTfunerals.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Conrad's name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org.

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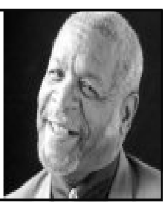

Zisook, Edmond N.

Edmond Newton Zisook, almost 94 years, beloved husband of Lois (nee Hirsch) for 66 years. Devoted father of Ellen (Scott) Goldsher and Amy Zisook (David Rosen). Adoring grandfather of Jay (fiancee Karen Alcantar) and Jenny Goldsher, Sarah, Robert and Jordan Rosen. Also survived by his younger brother Jerrold (late Nancy) Zisook, and many nieces and nephews and their families. He was preceded in death by his older siblings Sylvia Zisook Trilling, David, Joseph, Irving, and Seymour Zisook and their spouses, and his parents, Harry A. and Marian Newton Zisook. Services, Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 1:00 PM, at Makom Solel Lakeside, 1301 Clavey Road, Highland Park. Interment Rosehill Cemetery. Memorial contributions to the Zisook Rosewood Beach Camp Scholarship, Parks Foundation of Highland Park, 636 Ridge Rd., Highland Park, IL 60035, pfhpil.org. For info: www.weinsteinandpiserfuneralhome.com

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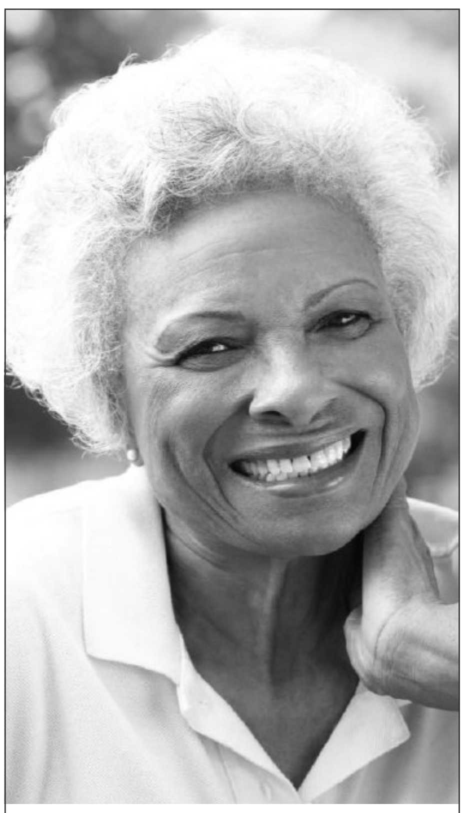

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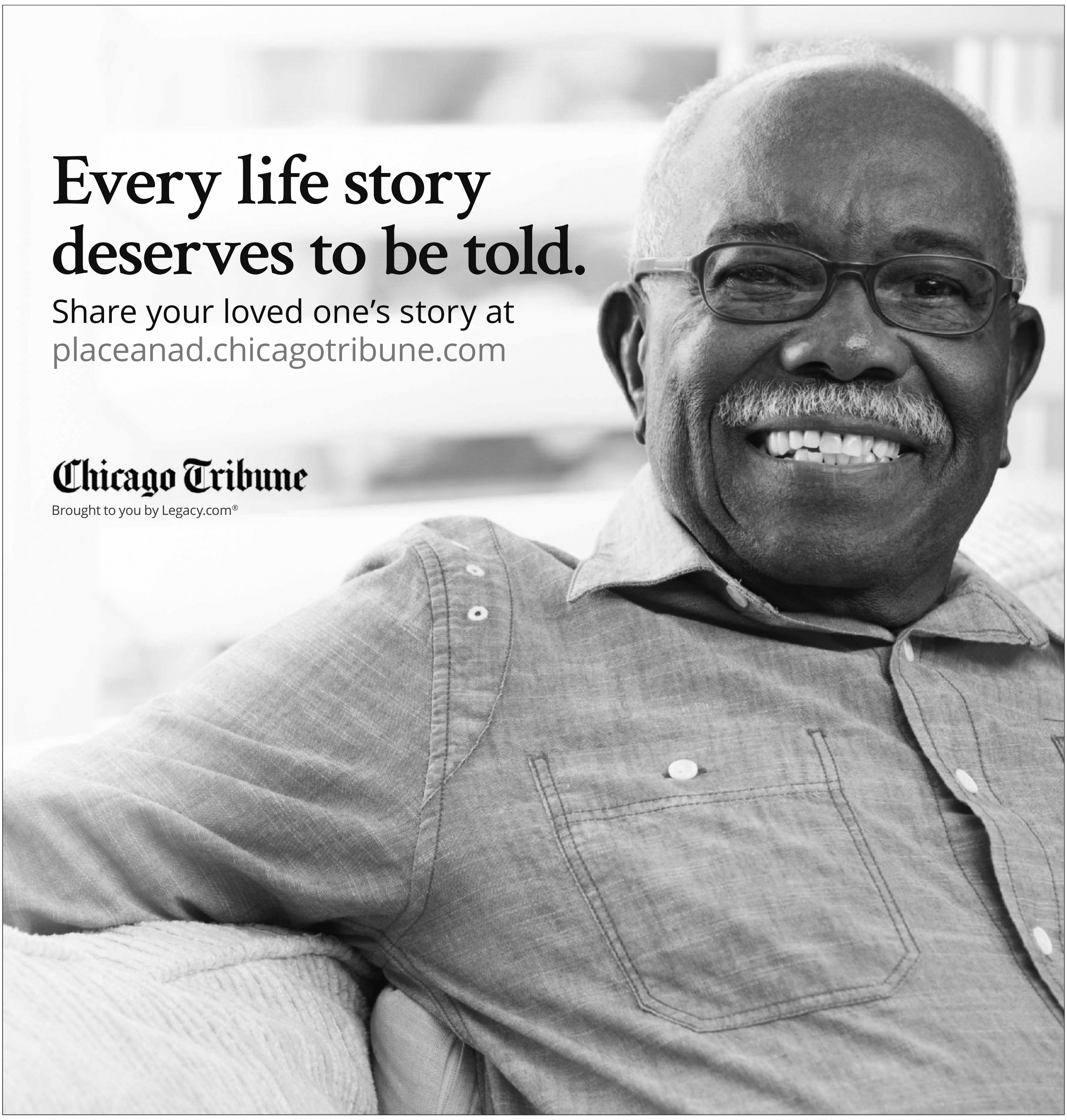

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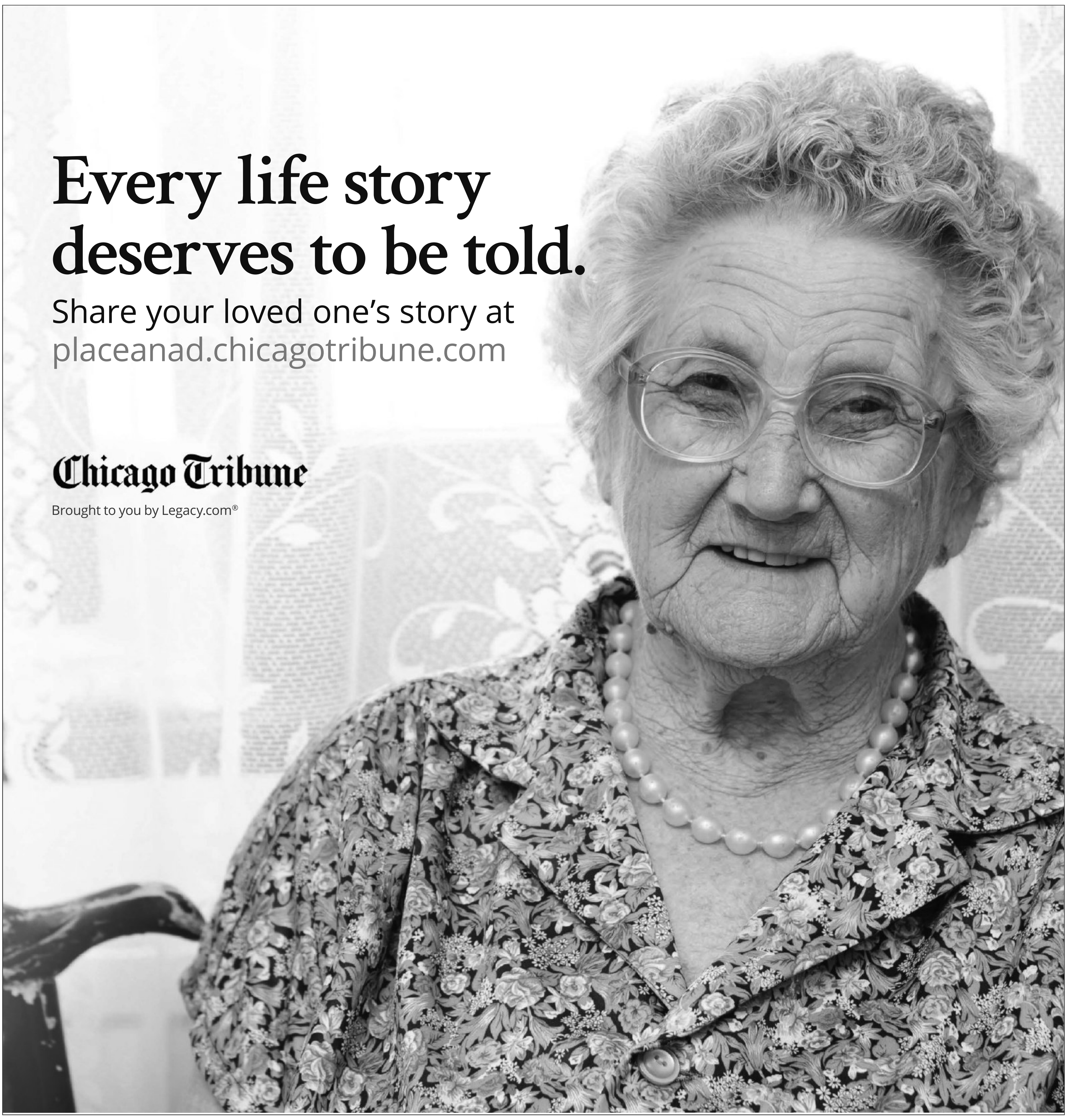

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Meteorologists Larry Mowry, Cheryl Scott, Jaisol Martinez, Tracy Butler and Greg Dutra

ABC7 Outlook: Light snow showers or rain as the high climbs above freezing. No significant accumulation is expected, but roads will remain wet.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
High	40	35	35	49	53	43
Low	29	23	27	39	40	23
	A bit of morning snow; storm total 1-2"	Mainly cloudy and chilly with flurries	Mostly sunny and cold	Breezy and milder with clouds and sun	Cloudy; breezy in the afternoon	A bit of morning snow, then a little rain
POP	80%	65%	0%	5%	25%	55%
Winds	SSE 7-14 mph	NW 12-25 mph	N 7-14 mph	S 10-20 mph	S 8-16 mph	WSW 12-25 mph

CHICAGO FORECAST

Sunday Conditions

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
AccuWeather.com UV Index™	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
RealFeel Temperature®	27	29	31	32	35	29	29

Sunday Activities

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
Outdoor Activities Index	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
Fishing Index	0	3	0	0	0	0	0

The higher the **AccuWeather.com UV Index** number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. **0-2** Low, **3-5** Moderate, **6-7** High, **8-10** Very High, **11+** Extreme. The patented **AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature** is an exclusive index of effective temperature based on eight weather factors. **Outdoor Activities and Fishing Indexes**: **0-2**: Poor; **3-4**: Fair; **5-6**: Good; **7-8**: Very Good; **9-10**: Excellent.

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Saturday Temperatures

O'Hare through 4 p.m.

High	39
Low	32
Normal high	45
Normal low	30
Record high	74 (1990)
Record low	3 (1979)

Local Temperatures
through 6 p.m. Saturday

Location	Hi	Lo	Normal Hi	Normal Lo
Aurora	40	30	45	27
Gary	39	33	45	29
Kankakee	41	32	46	28
Lansing	40	33	45	28
Midway	39	34	46	30
Romeoville	41	33	46	28
Valparaiso	42	30	47	29
Waukegan	36	32	43	26

Saturday Precipitation

	2023	2022	Normal
Saturday*	Trace	0.01"	0.08"
Month to date	0.94"	0.52"	0.85"
Year to date	7.37"	3.96"	4.81"
Snowfall			
Saturday*	Trace	0.0"	0.2"
Month to date	1.2"	3.8"	2.8"
Season to date	19.0"	32.4"	34.4"

*24-hour period ending 4 p.m. Saturday

Air Quality Index

Saturday's reading
Good

Sunday's forecast
Good

Primary pollutant **Particulates**

Source: AirNow.gov

Sun and Moon

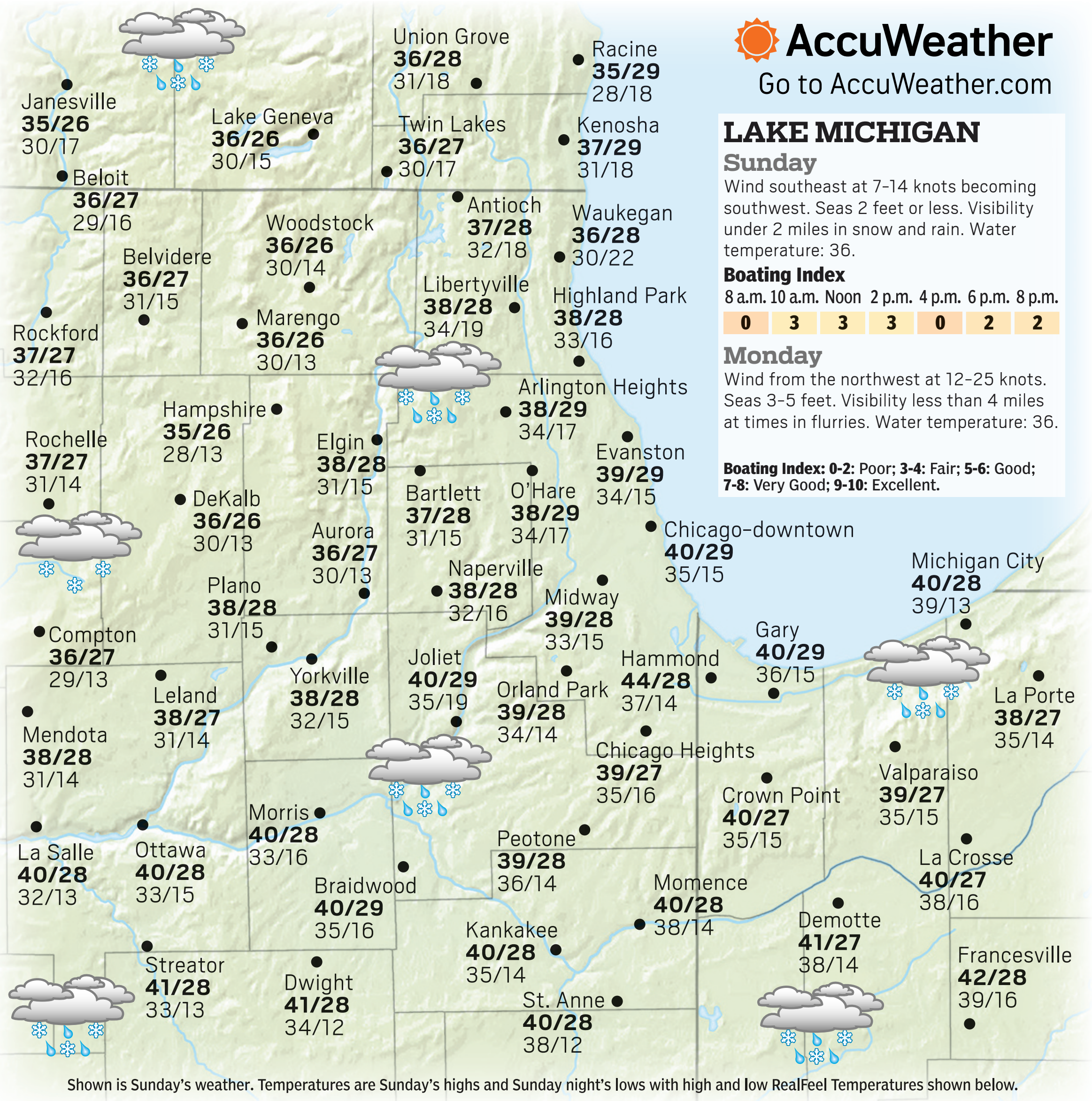
	Sun.	Mon.
Sunrise	7:08 a.m.	7:07 a.m.
Sunset	6:53 p.m.	6:54 p.m.
Moonrise	none	12:40 a.m.
Moonset	9:29 a.m.	10:01 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Mar 14	Mar 21	Mar 28	Apr 5

Sunday's Planet Watch

	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:08 a.m.	6:26 p.m.
Venus	8:25 a.m.	9:41 p.m.
Mars	11:20 a.m.	2:51 a.m.
Jupiter	8:05 a.m.	8:45 p.m.
Saturn	6:25 a.m.	5:00 p.m.

Best viewing times today: Venus: 6:25 p.m. Mars: 6:25 p.m. Jupiter: 6:25 p.m. Saturn: 6 a.m. Mercury: not visible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Janesville 35/26 30/17
Lake Geneva 36/26 30/15
Twin Lakes 36/27 30/17
Kenosha 37/29 31/18
Beloit 36/27 29/16
Antioch 37/28 32/18
Waukegan 36/28 30/22
Woodstock 36/26 30/14
Belvidere 36/27 31/15
Libertyville 38/28 34/19
Highland Park 38/28 33/16
Marengo 36/26 30/13
Rockford 37/27 32/16
Arlington Heights 38/29 34/17
Hampshire 35/26 28/13
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Rochelle 37/27 31/14
Bartlett 37/28 31/15
O'Hare 38/29 34/17
DeKalb 36/26 30/13
Aurora 36/27 30/13
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Naperville 38/28 32/16
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St. Anne 40/28 38/12
Francesville 42/28 39/16

Shown is Sunday's weather. Temperatures are Sunday's highs and Sunday night's lows with high and low RealFeel Temperatures shown below.

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Sunday

Wind southeast at 7-14 knots becoming southwest. Seas 2 feet or less. Visibility under 2 miles in snow and rain. Water temperature: 36.

Boating Index

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
0	3	3	3	0	2	2

Monday

Wind from the northwest at 12-25 knots. Seas 3-5 feet. Visibility less than 4 miles at times in flurries. Water temperature: 36.

Boating Index: 0-2: Poor; **3-4**: Fair; **5-6**: Good; **7-8**: Very Good; **9-10**: Excellent.

ASK abc7

Greg Dutra

QUESTION: Is snow that melts when it hits the ground added to the snow or rain precipitation totals?

Tom Gajda; Lincolnwood, IL

ANSWER: Snow if officially measured on a snow board, so snow that melts when it hits the board is not counted to the snow total, and snow that compacts during the time between observations is also not added. But to your question, snow that melts when it hits the ground is captured by the liquid precipitation collector. That way we keep an accurate count of how much liquid the ground has received, as that obviously has an impact on what the state of the overall soil moisture is at a given time.

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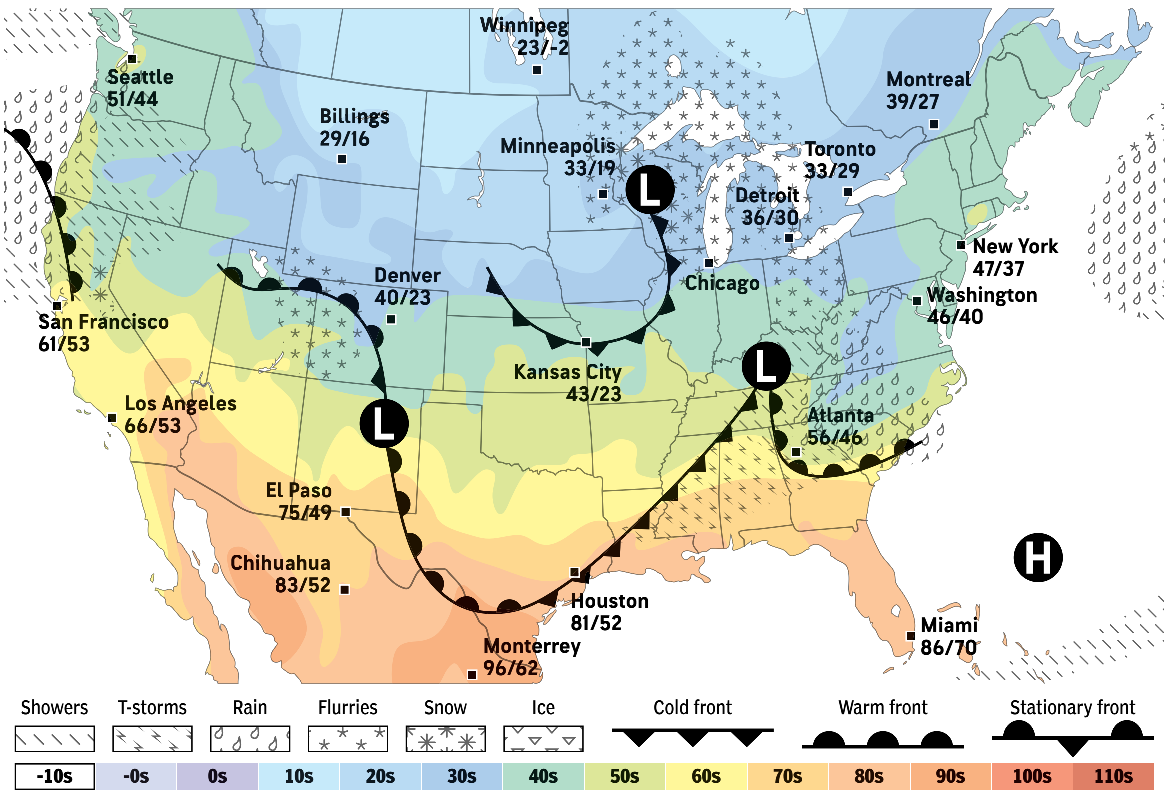
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REGIONAL CITIES

City	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Illinois		
Carbondale	48/29/pc	43/29/pc
Champaign	43/26/c	35/21/c
Decatur	44/28/c	36/24/c
Moline	39/29/sn	35/21/c
Peoria	40/28/sn	36/22/c
Quincy	41/26/c	35/20/c
Rockford	37/27/sn	34/19/c
Springfield	43/27/c	36/22/c
Sterling	38/28/sn	35/17/c
Indiana		
Bloomington	44/27/c	37/24/c
Evansville	47/30/c	40/30/c
Fort Wayne	38/26/sn	35/24/sf
Indianapolis	43/27/c	35/24/c
Lafayette	43/27/c	38/24/c
South Bend	39/27/sn	35/22/sf
Wisconsin		
Green Bay	33/23/sn	31/9/sf
Kenosha	37/29/sn	34/17/sf
La Crosse	35/25/sn	32/9/c
Madison	36/23/sn	32/11/sf
Milwaukee	37/30/sn	32/18/sf
Wausau	33/20/sn	27/1/sf
Michigan		
Detroit	36/30/sf	37/21/sf
Grand Rapids	35/28/sn	33/18/sf
Marquette	27/18/sn	23/16/sf
Sault Ste. Marie	30/17/sn	28/8/sf
Traverse City	37/26/sn	29/22/sf
Iowa		
Ames	33/22/c	32/14/c
Cedar Rapids	33/25/c	30/13/c
Des Moines	33/22/c	33/17/c
Dubuque	33/25/sf	30/14/c

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	63/39/s	62/42/c
Albany, NY	45/34/pc	40/33/sn
Albuquerque	61/38/sh	60/38/pc
Amarillo	52/30/pc	53/32/pc
Anchorage	26/24/s	26/19/s
Asheville	44/38/r	52/27/c
Aspen	39/21/sf	44/20/sn
Atlanta	56/46/r	60/33/pc
Atlantic City	43/39/s	49/37/r
Austin	75/51/pc	67/50/pc
Baltimore	45/40/s	46/33/sh
Billings	29/16/pc	52/36/pc
Birmingham	67/45/t	58/34/s
Bismarck	19/-1/c	21/12/c
Boise	48/40/c	56/44/c
Boston	40/33/s	43/39/c
Brownsville	92/68/s	77/64/pc
Buffalo	38/31/sn	37/26/c
Burlington, VT	41/30/c	41/33/sn
Charleston, SC	67/50/r	66/42/pc
Charleston, WV	41/34/r	44/28/sn
Charlotte	46/40/r	60/31/pc
Chattanooga	57/41/r	55/33/pc
Cheyenne	35/20/s	49/32/pc
Cincinnati	42/29/c	38/24/c
Cleveland	38/31/sf	37/24/sf
Colorado Spgs	40/23/pc	50/30/c
Columbia, MO	47/26/pc	39/23/pc
Columbia, SC	52/46/r	65/35/pc
Columbus, OH	40/29/r	37/24/sf
Concord	47/26/s	41/33/sn
Corpus Christi	97/61/pc	71/60/c
Dallas	63/43/pc	60/42/pc
Daytona Beach	87/67/pc	82/53/t
Denver	40/23/s	54/33/c
Duluth	27/10/sn	28/5/s
El Paso	75/49/pc	75/49/pc
Fairbanks	13/4/sn	7/2/s
Fargo	23/4/sn	22/9/s
Flagstaff	50/27/s	53/26/s
Fort Myers	85/71/s	85/64/sh
Fort Smith	58/36/s	56/34/s
Fresno	67/51/sh	71/56/c
Grand Junction	52/32/r	53/33/pc
Great Falls	28/14/pc	49/38/c
Harrisburg	47/38/s	42/35/sn
Hartford	50/34/s	42/35/c
Helena, MT	39/21/c	47/34/c
Honolulu	83/69/pc	83/73/s
Houston	81/52/pc	70/47/pc
Int'l Falls	25/3/sn	29/1/s
Jackson, MS	70/46/t	59/36/pc
Jacksonville	82/64/pc	74/45/t
Juneau	26/9/pc	29/15/pc
Kansas City	43/23/pc	39/23/pc
Las Vegas	70/51/s	71/56/s
Lexington	43/31/c	41/24/c
Lincoln	40/18/s	38/21/s
Little Rock	61/38/pc	58/32/s
Los Angeles	66/53/pc	63/52/c
Louisville	48/32/c	44/28/c
Macon	69/50/r	68/35/pc
Memphis	54/37/pc	49/33/s
Miami	86/70/pc	88/69/c
Minneapolis	33/19/sn	28/11/pc
Mobile	79/54/t	67/39/c
Montgomery	75/51/t	65/36/s
Nashville	54/35/c	50/30/c
New Orleans	85/56/pc	65/50/pc
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Norfolk	47/42/r	49/39/sh
Oklahoma City	52/31/pc	49/31/c
Omaha	33/19/c	34/19/s
Orlando	87/67/s	84/56/t
Palm Beach	87/68/pc	89/68/c
Palm Springs	78/55/s	80/58/s
Philadelphia	49/38/s	47/35/r
Phoenix	80/55/s	80/55/s
Pittsburgh	39/32/c	39/24/sf
Portland, ME	43/27/s	42/34/c
Portland, OR	48/45/r	51/37/r
Providence	44/32/s	44/36/r
Raleigh	41/38/r	56/32/c
Rapid City	25/7/s	41/23/c
Reno	53/40/pc	54/44/c
Richmond	44/39/sh	50/33/sh
Rochester	36/33/sn	40/29/sn
Sacramento	61/51/sh	64/55/sh
St. Louis	50/30/pc	39/25/pc
Salem, OR	53/46/r	49/35/r
Salt Lake City	47/38/sh	55/42/pc
San Antonio	82/52/pc	70/49/pc
San Diego	66/55/pc	67/55/pc
San Francisco	61/53/sh	62/56/sh
San Juan	87/72/c	89/72/s
Santa Fe	58/32/pc	56/32/s
Savannah	72/55/r	70/42/pc
Seattle	51/44/r	48/37/sh
Shreveport	63/44/pc	63/40/pc
Sioux Falls	25/16/pc	26/14/c
Spokane	46/38/pc	49/30/sh
Syracuse	42/35/s	40/32/sn
Tallahassee	81/64/t	74/44/c
Tampa	81/74/s	78/58/t
Topeka	47/24/pc	42/24/pc
Tucson	76/48/s	79/50/pc
Tulsa	52/30/s	51/31/s
Washington, DC	46/40/s	47/35/sh
Wichita	50/24/pc	46/27/pc
Wilkes-Barre	46/36/s	41/32/sn
Yuma	83/57/s	84/55/s

Weather(W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice. **POP**: Probability of Precipitation.

WORLD CITIES

City	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	85/71/s	85/71/s
Algiers	73/49/s	83/54/c
Amsterdam	50/46/sh	58/44/r
Ankara	48/37/r	42/35/r
Athens	67/49/r	59/47/s
Auckland	72/63/pc	72/58/r
Baghdad	80/55/c	76/59/c
Bangkok	94/77/pc	93/77/c
Barbados	85/78/sh	85/77/c
Barcelona	66/52/s	66/56/pc
Beijing	54/26/s	55/34/c
Beirut	74/61/s	72/58/pc
Berlin	41/36/sh	56/49/r
Bermuda	64/58/s	64/59/sh
Bogota	63/50/r	63/48/sh
Brussels	55/49/c	62/43/r
Bucharest	52/26/pc	57/30/s
Budapest	48/34/pc	58/40/c
Bueno Aires	93/78/s	91/81/s
Cairo	83/63/s	81/57/s
Cancun	85/74/s	87/75/pc
Caracas	87/74/sh	87/74/pc
Casablanca	79/51/s	75/52/c
Copenhagen	40/35/c	48/44/r
Dublin	55/50/r	55/31/sh
Edmonton	21/8/c	21/13/c
Frankfurt	53/45/sh	63/49/t
Geneva	60/39/r	67/45/c
Guadalajara	87/51/s	86/49/s
Havana	88/66/s	88/64/s
Helsinki	30/17/sf	34/29/c
Hong Kong	77/65/c	72/62/c
Istanbul	53/43/r	50/42/c
Jerusalem	73/52/s	72/53/pc
Johannesburg	81/53/t	81/53/s
Kabul	61/43/t	65/43/s
Kingston	86/75/s	86/75/s
Kyiv	39/27/c	46/37/c
Lima	81/71/pc	80/71/pc
Lisbon	68/54/c	65/51/pc
London	57/51/c	57/39/c
Madrid	73/46/pc	69/43/pc
Manila	91/74/s	88/73/r
Mexico City	81/49/c	80/49/pc
Monterrey	96/62/s	67/57/sh
Montreal	39/27/c	39/32/sn
Moscow	44/20/r	33/21/c
Munich	48/38/r	66/44/c
Nairobi	84/62/pc	85/60/pc
Nassau	82/69/s	86/72/s
New Delhi	91/67/s	91/67/pc
Oslo	33/23/c	34/25/sn
Ottawa	37/26/pc	36/31/sn
Panama City	88/71/c	88/72/t
Paris	58/53/c	64/44/r
Prague	41/38/sh	55/44/r
Rio de Janeiro	82/75/c	82/73/c
Riyadh	81/61/t	82/62/t
Rome	68/46/s	65/50/pc
Santiago	83/56/s	86/58/s
Seoul	47/23/r	45/31/pc
Singapore	87/75/r	88/76/pc
Sofia	45/24/s	54/27/c
Stockholm	32/13/pc	38/35/sn
Sydney	78/67/sh	76/67/r
Taipei	79/54/s	61/55/c
Tehran	69/55/pc	68/51/c
Tokyo	64/58/c	66/44/sh
Toronto	33/29/sn	38/24/sn
Trinidad	86/76/pc	86/76/pc
Vancouver	49/43/sh	50/37/c
Vienna	48/38/c	62/45/c
Warsaw	40/30/sn	51/44/r
Winnipeg	23/-2/c	20/11/pc

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NATION & WORLD

Storm, flooding breach Calif. levee

Residents evacuate as state gets hit by 10th winter system

By Nic Coury and Stefanie Dazio
Associated Press

A boy and a man ride their bicycles through floodwaters Saturday in Watsonville, Calif. **NIC COURY/AP**

WATSONVILLE, Calif. — A Northern California agricultural community famous for its strawberry crop was forced to evacuate early Saturday after the Pajaro River's levee was breached by flooding from a new atmospheric river that pummeled the state.

Across the Central Coast's Monterey County, more than 8,500 people were under evacuation orders and warnings Saturday, including roughly 1,700 residents — many of them Latino farmworkers — from the unincorporated community of Pajaro.

Officials said the Pajaro River's levee breach is about 100 feet wide. Crews had gone door to door Friday afternoon to urge residents to leave before the rains came, but some stayed and had to be pulled from floodwaters early Saturday.

First responders and the California National Guard rescued more than 50 people overnight. One video showed a member of the Guard helping a driver out of a car trapped by water up to their waists.

"We were hoping to avoid and prevent this situation, but the worst case scenario has arrived with the Pajaro River overtopping and levee breaching at about midnight," Luis Alejo, chair of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, wrote on Twitter.

Alejo called the flooding "massive," saying the damage will take months to repair.

The Pajaro River separates the counties of Santa Cruz and Monterey in the area that flooded Saturday. Floodwaters that got into the region's wells might be contaminated with chemicals, officials said, and residents were told not to drink or cook with tap water for fear of illness.

Officials had been working along the levee in the hopes of shoring it up when it was breached around midnight Friday into Saturday. Crews began working to fix the levee around daybreak Saturday as residents slept in evacuation centers.

Oliver Gonzalez, 12, told The Associated Press that he, his mother and his aunt were rescued around 5 a.m. Saturday in Parajo. He grabbed his laptop, cellphone and some important documents, but so much was left behind in their rush to leave.

"I'm kinda scared," he said several hours later from an evacuation center in nearby Watsonville. "My mom's car was left in the water."

Anais Rodriguez, 37, said first responders knocked on her home's door shortly after midnight. Her family packed about four days' worth of clothing and drove out to safety. She, her two children, her husband and her parents — along with their dog, Mila — arrived at the shelter about an hour later with few answers about what this would mean for their community going forward.

The Pajaro Valley is a coastal agricultural area known for growing strawberries, apples, cauliflower, broccoli and artichokes. National brands like Driscoll's Strawberries and Martinelli's are headquartered in the region.

In 1995, the Pajaro River's levees broke, submerging 2,500 acres of farmland and the community of Pajaro. Two peopled died and the flooding caused nearly $100 million in damage. A state law, passed last year, advanced state funds for a levee project. It was scheduled to start construction in 2024.

This week's storm marked the state's 10th atmospheric river of the winter, storms that have brought enormous amounts of rain and snow to the state and helped lessen drought conditions that had dragged on for three years.

Across the state Saturday, Californians contended with drenching rains and rising water levels in the atmospheric river's aftermath. In Tulare County, the sheriff ordered residents who live near the Tule River to evacuate, while people near the Poso Creek in Kern County were under an evacuation warning.

In San Francisco, an 85-foot eucalyptus tree fell onto the Trocadero Clubhouse early Saturday morning. The 1892 clubhouse, a San Francisco historical landmark, was left severely damaged, with part of the roof crushed and the inside flooded.

Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom has declared emergencies in 34 counties in recent weeks, and the Biden administration approved a presidential disaster declaration for some Friday morning, a move that will bring more federal assistance.

The atmospheric river, known as a "Pineapple Express" because it brought warm subtropical moisture across the Pacific from near Hawaii, was melting lower parts of the huge snowpack in California's mountains.

Yet another atmospheric river is already in the forecast for early this week. State climatologist Michael Anderson said a third appeared to be taking shape over the Pacific and possibly a fourth.

The National Weather Service on Saturday forecast an intensified bout of rain and snow Monday through Wednesday, with considerable flooding possible along the state's central coast, San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys and the southern Sierra Nevada foothills into midweek.

Another round of heavy, wet snow is expected to hit the Sierras and areas of high elevation midweek, the weather service said.

Collapse of bank sounds alarm throughout globe

Meltdown trouble for businesses and their employees

By Stan Choe and Bobby Caina Calvan
Associated Press

The Bank of England, shown last November, said late Friday it would place Silicon Valley Bank UK in its insolvency procedure "as quickly as possible." **KIN CHEUNG/AP 2022**

NEW YORK — It was called Silicon Valley Bank, but its collapse is causing shock waves around the world.

From winemakers in California to startups across the Atlantic Ocean, companies are scrambling to figure out how to manage their finances after their bank suddenly shut down Friday. The meltdown means distress not only for businesses but also for all their workers whose paychecks may get tied up in the chaos.

U.S. customers with less than $250,000 in the bank can count on insurance provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Regulators are trying to find a buyer for the bank in hopes customers with more than that can be made whole.

That includes customers like Circle, a big player in the cryptocurrency industry. It said it has about $3.3 billion of the roughly $40 billion in reserves for its USD Coin at SVB. That caused USD Coin's value, which tries to stay firmly at $1, to briefly plunge below 87 cents Saturday. It later rose back above 97 cents, according to CoinDesk.

Across the Atlantic, startup companies woke up Saturday to find SVB's U.K. business will stop making payments or accepting deposits. The Bank of England said late Friday that it will put Silicon Valley Bank UK in its insolvency procedure, which will pay out eligible depositors up to $204,544 for joint accounts, "as quickly as possible."

"We know that there are a large number of startups and investors in the ecosystem who have significant exposure to SVB UK and will be very concerned," Dom Hallas, executive director of Coadec, which represents British startups, said on Twitter. He cited "concern and panic."

The Bank of England said SVB UK's assets would be sold to pay creditors.

It's not just startups feeling the pain. The bank's collapse is having an effect on another important California industry: fine wines. It's been an influential lender to vineyards since the 1990s.

"This is a huge disappointment," said winemaker Jasmine Hirsch, the general manager of Hirsch Vineyards in California's Sonoma County.

Hirsch said she expects her business will be fine. But she's worried about the broader effects for smaller vintners looking for lines of credit to plant new vines.

"They really understand the wine business," Hirsch said. "The disappearance of this bank, as one of the most important lenders, is absolutely going to have an effect on the wine industry, especially in an environment where interest rates have gone up."

In Seattle, Shelf Engine CEO Stefan Kalb found himself immersed in emergency meetings devoted to figuring how to meet payroll instead of focusing on his startup company's business of helping grocers manage their food orders.

"It's been a brutal day. We literally have every single penny in Silicon Valley Bank," Kalb said Friday, pegging the deposit amount that's now tied up at millions of dollars. He is filing a claim for the $250,000 limit, but that won't be enough to keep paying Shelf Engine's 40 employees for long. That could force him into a decision about whether to begin furloughing employees until the mess is cleaned up.

Tara Fung, co-founder and CEO of tech startup Co:Create that helps launch digital loyalty and rewards programs, said her firm uses multiple banks besides Silicon Valley Bank, so it was able to switch over its payroll and vendor payments to another bank Friday.

Fung said her firm chose the bank as a partner because it is the "gold standard for tech firms and banking partnerships," and she was upset that some seemed to be unfairly tying it to doubts about cryptocurrency ventures.

San Francisco-based employee performance management company Confirm.com was among the Silicon Valley Bank depositors that rushed to pull their money out before regulators seized the bank.

Co-founder David Murray credits an email from one of Confirm's venture capital investors, which urged the company to withdraw its funds "immediately," citing signs of a run on the bank.

The U.S. government needs to act more quickly to stanch further damage, said Martin Varsavsky, an Argentinian entrepreneur who has investments across the tech industry and Silicon Valley.

One of his companies, Overture Life, had some $1.5 million in deposits in the financially embattled bank but can rely on other holdings elsewhere to meet payroll.

But other companies have high percentages of their cash in Silicon Valley Bank, and they need access to more than the amount protected by the FDIC.

China denies hidden motives after hosting Iran-Saudi Arabia talks

Associated Press

BEIJING — After hosting talks at which Iran and Saudi Arabia agreed to reestablish diplomatic relations, China said Saturday it has no hidden motives and isn't trying to fill any "vacuum" in the Middle East.

The agreement announced Friday to reestablish Iran-Saudi ties and reopen embassies after seven years was seen as a major diplomatic victory for China, as Gulf Arab states perceive the United States as reducing its presence in the Middle East.

The Foreign Ministry quoted an unidentified spokesperson as saying that China "pursues no selfish interest whatsoever."

China will continue to support Mideast countries in "resolving differences through dialogue and consultation to jointly promote lasting peace and stability," the spokesperson said.

"We respect the stature of Middle East countries as the masters of this region and oppose geopolitical competition in the Middle East," said the statement posted on the Foreign Ministry's website.

"China has no intention to and will not seek to fill so-called vacuum or put up exclusive blocs," it said, in an apparent reference to the U.S. "China will continue to contribute its insights and proposals to realizing peace and tranquility in the Middle East and play its role as a responsible major country in this process."

Following Friday's announcement, China's senior diplomat Wang Yi said the agreement showed China was a "reliable mediator" that had "faithfully fulfilled its duties as the host."

Notably, Wang also stated that "this world has more than just the Ukraine question and there are still many issues affecting peace and people's lives."

China has been heavily criticized for failing to condemn Russia's invasion and for accusing the U.S. and NATO of provoking the conflict.

A Chinese proposal calling for a cease-fire and peace negotiations between Russia and Ukraine went nowhere, largely because of China's perceived backing of Russia.

However, in the Middle East, China is viewed as a neutral party, with strong ties to both Iran and Saudi Arabia as well as Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

China last month hosted Iran's hard-line President Ebrahim Raisi, and is a top purchaser of Saudi oil.

Chinese leader Xi Jinping visited Riyadh in December for meetings with oil-rich Gulf Arab nations crucial to China's energy supplies, and China's special envoy for the Middle East — a position specially created in 2002 — has made frequent trips to the region.

China sells drones and other weaponry to countries in the region, but nowhere on the scale of the U.S.

WAR IN UKRAINE

UK: Russians advance in Bakhmut

Officials say Wagner Group has seized most of city's east

By Karl Ritter
Associated Press

Ukrainian servicemen prepare to fire toward Russian positions on the front line Saturday near the city of Bakhmut in Donetsk province. The Wagner Group has taken most of eastern Bakhmut, British military officials reported. **ARIS MESSINIS/GETTY-AFP**

KYIV, Ukraine — Russian forces have made progress in their campaign to capture the city of Bakhmut in eastern Ukraine, the focus of the war's longest ground battle, but their assault will be difficult to sustain without more significant personnel losses, British military officials said Saturday.

The U.K. Defense Ministry said in its latest assessment that paramilitary units from the Kremlin-controlled Wagner Group have seized most of eastern Bakhmut, with a river flowing through the city now marking the front line of the fighting.

The mining city is located in Donetsk province, one of four regions of Ukraine that Russian President Vladimir Putin illegally annexed last year. Russia's military opened the campaign to take control of Bakhmut in August, and both sides have experienced staggering casualties.

Ukrainian troops and their supply lines remain vulnerable to "continued Russian attempts to outflank the defenders from the north and south" as the Wagner Group's forces try to close in on them in a pincer movement, the U.K. ministry said.

However, the ministry added, it will be "highly challenging" for Wagner's soldiers to push ahead because Ukraine has destroyed key bridges over the river, while Ukrainian sniper fire from fortified buildings further west has made the thin strip of open ground in the city's center "a killing zone."

Russian military bloggers and other pro-Kremlin Telegram accounts claimed Friday that Russian forces had entered a metal processing plant in northwestern Bakhmut.

The Institute for the Study of War, a Washington-based think tank, also referenced geolocated footage showing Russian forces within about 900 yards of the AZOM plant, a heavily built-up and fortified complex.

The institute reported in its Friday night assessment that Moscow's apparent focus on capturing the plant, rather than opting for a "wider encirclement of western Bakhmut" by attempting to take nearby villages, was likely to bring a further wave of Russian casualties.

Ukraine's ground forces Saturday signaled their intention to hold out in Bakhmut, announcing on Facebook that their top officer, Col. Oleksandr Syrskyi, was personally overseeing "the most important sectors of the front" to deny Moscow a long-awaited battlefield victory.

"Our military is standing. This is our fortress. And what they are doing now, we cannot even imagine how useful it will be for the country, for our army in the near future," National Security and Defense Council Secretary Oleksii Danilov said on Ukrainian state TV.

Quoting Syrskyi, he said the alleys and territory around Bakhmut were "littered with the corpses of Russians and Wagnerians."

Elsewhere in Ukraine, repair work continued Saturday following a massive Russian missile and drone strike two days earlier that killed six people and left hundreds of thousands without heat or electricity.

Ukraine's state grid operator said power supply issues persisted across four provinces following the barrage, in which 80 Russian missiles and a smaller number of exploding drones hit residential buildings and crucial infrastructure across the country.

In a Facebook post, Ukrenergo said scheduled blackouts remain in place in Kharkiv and Zhytomyr, as well as parts of the Dnipropetrovsk and Mykolaiv regions. The company added that the situation in Zhytomyr was especially challenging, with some customers still without power.

The General Staff of the Ukrainian armed forces reported that Russia launched 34 attacks from multiple rocket launchers Saturday on various parts of the country.

They included southern Ukraine's Kherson province, where three people "who simply went to a store to buy groceries" were killed, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said.

Russian shelling between Friday morning and Saturday morning also killed at least five people and wounded another 19 across Kherson and Donetsk provinces, Ukrainian authorities reported.

Donetsk, where Bakhmut is located, has been the epicenter of the fighting in recent months, while Ukrainian-held parts of Kherson have seen daily shelling from Russian troops stationed across the Dnieper River.

On Saturday, Russian forces also launched 12 air strikes and two missile strikes on the city of Zaporizhzhia, the capital of the southeastern Ukrainian province of the same name, according to Ukraine's military.

A strike by an S-300 missile hit a civilian infrastructure facility, but no casualties were reported.

Ukrainian defense chief Oleksii Reznikov welcomed his Norwegian counterpart to Kyiv on Saturday. Defense Minister Bjorn Arild Gram announced Norway's decision to earmark $7.5 billion over the next five years for weapons and other aid for Ukraine.

Some 500 migrants leave a fishing boat Saturday in the Italian port of Crotone. Officials said the Italian coast guard was responding to smugglers boats "in danger." **VALERIA FERRARO/AP**

Italy maritime services bring hundreds of migrants ashore

By Frances D'Emilio
Associated Press

ROME — Italian coast guard and navy vessels on Saturday ferried hundreds of rescued migrants toward shore, while elsewhere in the Mediterranean Sea thousands of migrants overflowed from a shelter on a tiny tourist island.

The influx of sea arrivals came in the face of a crackdown by Italy's right-wing government on smugglers announced only two days earlier.

The coast guard said in a statement that overcrowding on two vessels and adverse sea and weather conditions had complicated rescue operations that began Friday in the Ionian Sea off Calabria.

A 310-foot-long coast guard vessel took 584 migrants aboard, while two smaller coast guard motorboats took on 379 and then transferred them to an Italian naval vessel, which was headed to Augusta, a port in eastern Sicily, as migrant shelters in Calabria quickly filled up.

Separately, a boat carrying 487 people, intercepted by Italian vessels some 60 nautical miles off Crotone in Calabria on Friday, was aided by two coast guard motorboats and a border police boat. The migrants disembarked in Crotone's port before dawn Saturday.

A beach in Cutro, a town south of Crotone, is where survivors and bodies were found Feb. 26 after a wooden boat, crowded with migrants who had set out from Turkey days earlier, broke apart on a sandbank.

The known death toll from the shipwreck climbed to 76 on Saturday after the bodies of two children and an adult were recovered, Italian news agency ANSA reported. Eighty passengers survived, but others were reported missing and presumed dead.

Italian prosecutors are investigating whether authorities should have launched a rescue operation after a patrol plane operated by Frontex, the European Union's border protection agency, spotted the wooden boat hours before it broke apart.

Some 5,000 people, walking behind a bearer of a cross fashioned from the boat's wreckage, joined a procession to the beach in Cutro on Saturday, demanding increased efforts to save migrants at sea.

The U.N. migration agency estimates that some 300 people have died this year, or were missing and presumed dead, after attempting to cross the central Mediterranean route.

The Turkish coast guard reported Saturday that its personnel rescued 11 migrants off the coast of Turkey's Aydin province after their rubber dinghy burst and started to take water. The bodies of five people were recovered, while a search for other possible survivors and victims continued, the coast guard said in a statement.

On Italy's tiny Lampedusa island, an Italian fishing and tourist location south of Sicily, some 3,000 newly arrived migrants overflowed from a shelter meant to hold less than 350. Hundreds of migrants spent the night sleeping on mattresses on the fenced-off grounds of the shelter.

Plans to ease some of the overcrowding on Lampedusa by transferring hundreds of migrants aboard a ferry were complicated by high winds.

Farmers, environmentalists protest as Dutch vote nears

By Mike Corder
Associated Press

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A protester's banner reads "No Money to Fossil" on Saturday in The Hague, Netherlands, which also saw a separate rally against plans to curb nitrate pollution. **PETER DEJONG/AP**

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Thousands of farmers and anti-establishment demonstrators protested Saturday in a park in The Hague against Dutch government plans to reduce nitrate emissions, while climate activists angry at what they call state support for the fossil fuel industry broke through police lines and blocked a major road elsewhere in the city for hours.

The simultaneous demonstrations a few miles from each other took place days before Dutch voters go to the polls in provincial elections. The elections Wednesday also indirectly select members of the national parliament's upper house and could have an effect on proposals for reducing nitrate pollution.

Late Saturday afternoon, police turned a water cannon on climate protesters who refused to leave the road they had occupied for hours, hindering traffic in and out of the city. Firefighters set up a tent nearby as a precaution to help doused protesters dry off and warm up, the municipality said.

Police said they stopped an unknown number of tractors that were headed for the farmers' demonstration. The city banned all but two "symbolic" tractors from participating, citing safety concerns.

Thousands of people, many carrying the upside-down Dutch flags that have become synonymous with farmers' protests and balloons emblazoned with the logo of the far-right Forum for Democracy party, gathered peacefully in front of a park stage for the demonstration. The two permitted tractors drove slowly across the park.

Bob De Jong, a farmer from the Dutch agricultural heartland of North Brabant province, said that if the current "corrupt" lawmakers remained in power, "no farmer in Holland will survive."

As the farmers gathered in the park in the south of the city, Mayor Jan van Zanen gave police permission to use a water cannon on Extinction Rebellion protesters who blocked a major highway in the downtown area where it runs past the temporary home of the Dutch parliament.

Police said demonstrators who refused to leave the road would be detained. The highway was blocked in both directions, but police did not immediately use the water cannon. Several demonstrators lay down in front of the cannon, and another suspended herself off the side of a wall on one side of the road holding up a banner that read, "Power to the people."

The twin demonstrations prompted authorities to place army trucks near some crossroads ready to block the streets if tractors or other protest vehicles tried to drive into the city center.

Anger at moves to cut nitrate emissions have spread from the Netherlands to other European nations. Just over a week ago, farmers drove hundreds of tractors into the heart of the Belgian capital, Brussels, snarling traffic.

At demonstrations in recent years, farmers have driven hundreds of tractors into the center of The Hague and also used them to blockade supermarket warehouses.

The government has said that nitrate emissions, which are produced by livestock, transport and industry, must be drastically reduced close to nature areas that are part of a network of protected habitats for endangered plants and wildlife stretching across the 27-nation European Union.

The government wants to cut emissions of pollutants, predominantly nitrates, by 50% nationwide by 2030. Ministers call the proposal an "unavoidable transition" that aims to improve air, land and water quality, and have warned that it will mean "that not all farmers can continue their business."

NEWS BRIEFING

W.Va. legislators OK transgender care ban with health exemption

From news services

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — West Virginia's Republican supermajority House of Delegates swiftly OK'd a proposal to add mental health exemptions to a bill that would ban certain health care procedures for transgender youth during the last day of its 60-day legislative session Saturday.

The chamber approved changes made by the state Senate late Friday that would allow some transgender youth to continue receiving medical interventions, including hormone therapy, if they are at risk of self-harm or suicide.

The bill now heads back to the Senate for final approval, which it is likely to receive late Saturday before heading to the desk of Gov. Jim Justice. The Republican governor has not taken a public stance on the measure.

Lawmakers in West Virginia and other states advancing bans on transgender health care for youth and young adults often characterize gender-affirming treatments as medically unproven, potentially dangerous in the long term and a symptom of "woke" culture.

But every major medical organization, including the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Psychiatric Association, supports gender-affirming care for youths.

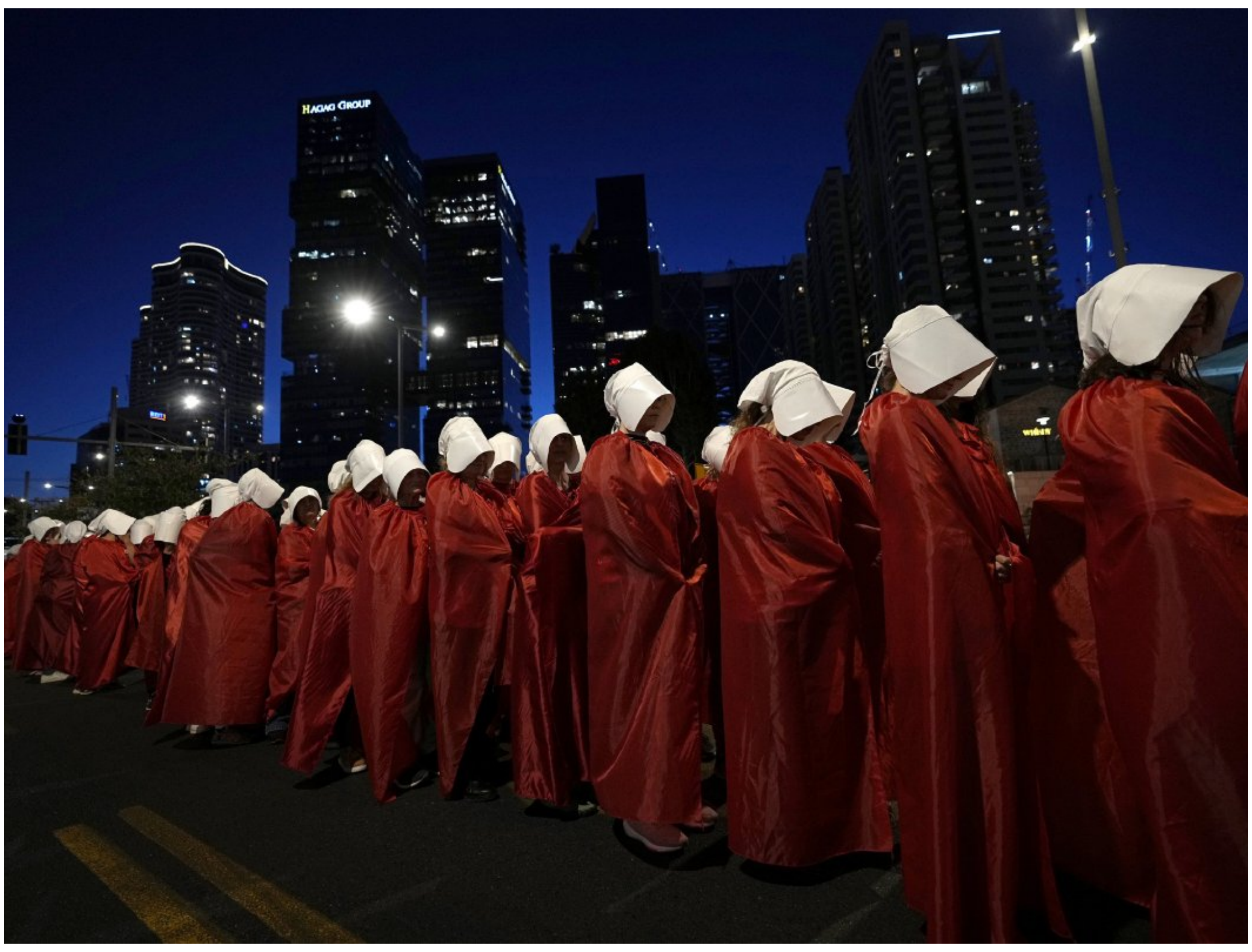
House members — who passed a much more restrictive version of the proposal last month that included no mental health exemptions — voted to approve the amendment in a unanimous voice vote with little discussion. The amended bill then passed 88-10, with all "no" votes coming from the body's shrinking delegation of Democrats.

The only lawmaker who spoke on the floor prior to the vote was Democratic Del. Ric Griffith, who cited data from peer-reviewed medical journals showing that hormone therapy and other interventions can drastically reduce psychological distress and suicidal ideation for transgender adolescents.

"We talk a lot about, 'Parents know what's best for their children,'" he said. "This is a fairly narrow allowance when a child could potentially be suicidal."

West Virginia's bill would outlaw those under 18 from being prescribed hormone therapy and fully reversible medication for suspending the physical changes of puberty.

But the change approved by House lawmakers Saturday — proposed by Senate Majority Leader Tom Takubo, a trained physician — would allow young people to access puberty blockers and hormone therapy if they are experiencing severe gender dysphoria, under certain circumstances.



Israeli women's rights activists dressed as characters from the television series "The Handmaid's Tale" protest Saturday in Tel Aviv against judicial overhaul plans by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Critics say the changes will destroy the country's system of checks and balances and concentrate power in the hands of the prime minister and his allies. **OHAD ZWIGENBERG/AP**

Cyclone Freddy: Record-breaking Cyclone Freddy made its second landfall in Mozambique on Saturday night, pounding the southern African nation with heavy rains and disrupting transport and telecommunications services.

French weather agency Meteo-France warned of "destructive and devastating" winds and "dangerous seas and heavy rains" that could lead to landslides. It said Freddy will go further inland through the weekend, generating heavy rains in Mozambique and southern Malawi, with rain also likely in Zimbabwe and Zambia.

It's the second time Freddy has hit the country, with the cyclone originally making landfall late last month.

Meteo-France also raised concerns that Freddy is unlikely to weaken over land in the coming week and has a high probability of exiting back into the sea.

Afghanistan bombing: A bomb exploded Saturday during an awards ceremony for journalists in the northern Afghan city of Mazar-e-Sharif, killing at least one person and wounding eight, including children, officials said.

The blast went off at the Tabian Farhang center in Mazar-e Sharif, the capital of Balkh province, as journalists gathered for the ceremony, said Mohammad Asif Waziri, a police spokesman.

Interior Ministry spokesman Abdul Nafi Takor said five journalists and three children were wounded. The blast killed a security guard, he said.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, which came two days after a bomb in Mazar-e-Sharif killed the provincial governor, Daud Muzmal, and two others. Four people were wounded.

Congo attack: The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for killing more than 35 people and wounding dozens in eastern Congo.

In the statement, posted Friday by Aamaq, the militants' news agency, it said it killed "Christians" with guns and knives and destroyed their property in Mukondi village in North Kivu province. It also published a photo of the houses on fire.

The announcement comes after local authorities confirmed that at least 45 people were killed last week in several attacks on different villages by rebels from the Allied Democratic Forces, a militia with links to IS.

Conflict has been simmering in eastern Congo for decades as more than 120 armed groups fight for power, influence and resources, and some to protect their communities.

Czech Republic protest: Thousands of people in the Czech Republic rallied against the government Saturday, protesting high inflation and demanding an end to the country's military support for Ukraine.

A new political group, PRO, organized the rally at Prague's Wenceslas Square as an anti-poverty event. As participants called on the coalition government to resign, party leader Jindrich Rajchl said they want "a government to care first of all about the interests of the Czech citizens."

His group, whose name translates in English to Law, Respect, Expertise, blames the European Union for soaring energy prices. Inflation slightly dropped to 16.7% in Czechia in February from 17.5% a month earlier.

PRO also wants the Czech government to stop taking actions that are intended to reduce misinformation and fake news.

NJ landmark house fire: A dilapidated house in southern New Jersey where Martin Luther King Jr. lived between 1949 and 1951 was severely damaged in an early morning fire Saturday.

Chief Michael Harper of the Camden Fire Department told the Courier-Post that the blaze at the three-story row home was reported shortly after 2:30 a.m., and the precarious structure presented challenges to fire crews.

"The place was already boarded and heavily fortified when our members got there," Harper said. "They had to open the boards but by that time, the fire was pretty well advanced. They couldn't make entry because of concerns about the structural integrity."

The city's fire marshal is investigating the cause of the blaze.

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Feds: Proud Boys used loyal ‘tools’

Jan. 6 trial strategy argues group’s ‘real men’ were weapons

By Michael Kunzelman
Associated Press

THE WAR BOYS

Joe Biggs, left, and Enrique Tarrio, leaders of the right-wing, pro-Trump Proud Boys, are on trial for seditious conspiracy. **JOHN RUDOFF/ANADOLU AGENCY 2020**

WASHINGTON — Federal prosecutors are employing an unusual strategy to prove leaders of the far-right Proud Boys extremist group orchestrated a violent plot to keep President Joe Biden out of the White House, even though some of the defendants didn’t carry out the violence themselves.

As they wrap up their seditious conspiracy case, prosecutors are arguing that Proud Boys chief Enrique Tarrio and other leaders of the group hand-picked and mobilized a loyal group of foot soldiers — or “tools” — to supply the force necessary to carry out their plot to stop the transfer of power from former President Donald Trump to Biden after the 2020 election.

These “tools” helped Proud Boys leaders overwhelm police, breach barricades, force the evacuation of the House and Senate chambers, and disrupt the certification of Biden’s victory, prosecutors allege.

Defense attorneys have dismissed the “tools” theory as a novel, flawed concept with no legal foundation. They argue that the Justice Department is trying to unfairly hold their clients responsible for the violent actions of others. Tarrio, for example, wasn’t even in Washington on Jan. 6, 2021.

The seditious conspiracy trial, which started nearly two months ago, is one of the most serious cases to emerge from the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol and comes as some conservatives continue to try to downplay the riot and push false narratives about what happened that day. Tarrio, who led the right-wing extremist group as it became a force in mainstream Republican circles, is among the highest-profile defendants to stand trial yet and could face up to 20 years in prison if convicted of seditious conspiracy.

Seditious conspiracy — a rarely used charge from the Civil War era — can be difficult to prove, especially when the plot was unsuccessful. And the group leaders on trial aren’t accused of engaging in violence themselves. Tarrio was arrested on separate charges two days before the riot.

Tarrio is on trial with Ethan Nordean of Auburn, Washington, who was a Proud Boys chapter president; Joseph Biggs of Ormond Beach, Florida, a self-described Proud Boys organizer; Zachary Rehl, who led the Proud Boys chapter in Philadelphia; and Dominic Pezzola, a Proud Boy member from Rochester, New York.

Their trial could stretch into April. Prosecutors are expected to rest their case as soon as this week. Defense lawyers plan to present at least two weeks of testimony before jurors get the case.

The prosecution’s case hit a snag last week with the revelation that the government accidentally provided defense attorneys with sensitive messages from FBI agents. Testimony was suspended until this week as authorities searched the files for possible classified information.

The Justice Department presented a more conventional theory at the trial last year for Oath Keepers founder Stewart Rhodes, who was convicted of seditious conspiracy along with another leader of the antigovernment group.

Oath Keepers members stockpiled guns at a Virginia hotel so they could shuttle them across the Potomac River into Washington if they were needed to support their plot to stop the transfer of power, prosecutors said. The weapons were never deployed.

In this case, prosecutors are trying to show that the Proud Boys used people as their weapons.

“The Oath Keepers had their rifles. The Proud Boys had their ‘real men,’” prosecutor Conor Mulroe has said.

Mulroe was referring to text messages that Proud Boys organizer Biggs sent to Tarrio weeks before the attack at the Capitol. In a Dec. 19, 2020, text, Biggs told Tarrio that the Proud Boys have been recruiting “losers who wanna drink.”

“Let’s get radical and get real men,” Biggs added.

Randall Eliason, an adjunct professor at George Washington University Law School and former federal prosecutor, described prosecutors’ tools theory as “unusual but not remarkable.”

“It’s not something that comes up a lot, but there’s nothing controversial about the idea,” he said. “And the word ‘tools’ is kind of the perfect way to describe it. In other words, whether you use a battering ram to break down the door of the Capitol or whether you enlist a bunch of other people to help you break down the door to the Capitol, they’re all tools, right?”

Prosecutors last week publicly identified nearly two dozen Proud Boys members and associates they say served as “tools.” All but one of the 23 people named as “tools” have been publicly and separately charged with Capitol riot-related crimes.

Prosecutors argue the “tools” didn’t have to know the ultimate goal of the Proud Boys’ conspiracy to be part of it. Mulroe compared the concept to human “mules” unwittingly transporting drugs or money.

Norman Pattis, an attorney for Biggs, said comparing Oath Keepers’ guns to Proud Boys followers is a “clumsy analogy.” Pattis also said he doesn’t know of any case in which prosecutors have been allowed to argue that “acts of third parties are the legal responsibility of criminal defendants absent some nexus other than mere proximity and shared political views.”

“There is nothing but rank and dangerous speculation supporting this theory,” he wrote in court papers, urging the judge to “reject such evidence as little more than an effort to make hindsight do the work of proof.”

Roe gone, Trump now option for evangelicals

GOP rivals court influential pastors as priorities shift

By Charles Homans
The New York Times

JESUS IS MY SAVIOR TRUMP IS MY PRESIDENT
TRUMP ENDORSED

A supporter attends a March 26 rally hosted by Donald Trump in Commerce, Ga. **AUDRA MELTON/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2022**

On a recent Sunday morning at Elmbrook Church, a nondenominational evangelical megachurch in Brookfield, Wisconsin, Jerry Wilson considered the far-off matter of his vote in 2024.

“It’s going to be a Republican,” he said, “but I don’t know who.”

In 2016 and 2020, he had voted for former President Donald Trump. “He did accomplish a lot for Christians, for evangelicals,” Wilson, 64, said. But “he’s got a lot of negative attributes, and they make you pause and think, you know? I’d like to see what the other candidates have to offer.”

White evangelical voters were central to Trump’s first election, and he remains overwhelmingly popular among them. But a Monmouth University poll in late January and early February found Ron DeSantis, the Republican governor of Florida who has not declared his candidacy for president but appears to be Trump’s most formidable early rival, leading Trump by 7 percentage points among self-identified evangelical Republican voters in a head-to-head contest.

It was an early sign that as he makes a bid for a return to office, Trump must reckon with a base that has changed since his election in 2016 — and because of it.

Some of the changes clearly benefit Trump, but others may have weakened his hold on evangelical voters and the prominent evangelical pastors who are often seen as power brokers in Republican politics.

The Supreme Court’s Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization decision in June, which overturned the constitutional right to an abortion, has shifted much of the fight to further roll back abortion rights — the nearly singular political aim of conservative evangelicals for more than four decades — to the state level. Last year, Trump disparaged Republican candidates for focusing too much on the “abortion issue,” a statement that was viewed as a betrayal by some evangelicals on the right and an invitation to seek other options.

Conservative evangelical politics have both expanded and moved sharply rightward, animated by a new slate of issues like opposition to race and history curricula in schools and LGBTQ rights and shaped by the COVID-19 lockdowns of 2020 and 2021, which some pastors rallied against as a grave affront to religious freedom. These are areas where DeSantis has aggressively staked his claim.

“It is a different landscape,” said John Fea, a historian at Messiah University and author of “Believe Me: The Evangelical Road to Donald Trump.”

This year, likely Trump rivals have sought and received the imprimatur of several pastors aligned with Trump in previous elections.

When Nikki Haley, Trump’s U.N. ambassador and the former governor of South Carolina, formally introduced her own candidacy in February, she did so alongside televangelist John Hagee, who expressed his support for Trump in 2016.

In January, when former Vice President Mike Pence offered his most direct comments to date about the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot, he did so at the First Baptist Dallas megachurch, in an onstage conversation with its pastor, Robert Jeffress, one of the country’s most influential evangelical leaders and a staunch ally of Trump throughout his presidency.

“I thank God for President Trump because it’s because of his judicial appointments that Roe v. Wade was overturned,” said Tom Ascol, the senior pastor at Grace Baptist Church in Cape Coral, Florida. He said he would support him again in a head-to-head contest with President Joe Biden. But the Republican presidential primary is another matter.

Ascol said he was looking for “a person of principle and a person of courage.” Trump, he said, is “courageous and unprincipled,” citing his recent statements on abortion. In January, Ascol gave the opening prayer at DeSantis’ inauguration for his second term as governor.

He has yet to make an endorsement in the presidential race, however. Neither has Hagee, nor Jeffress.

The Monmouth poll, which was taken before Haley officially entered the race, found Pence and Haley commanding support in the single digits among self-identified evangelical Republican voters. But DeSantis’ strong showing, with favorable ratings comparable to Trump’s, suggested that the former president can’t take the constituency’s primary support for granted.

In 2016, Trump reordered the landscape of evangelical politics, drawing the support of white evangelical voters away from candidates with deeper evangelical bona fides and away from the warnings of church leaders, many of whom were initially wary of Trump. As president, he reordered it again by delivering on his promise to appoint Supreme Court justices who would overturn Roe v. Wade.

Michele Margolis, an associate professor of political science at the University of Pennsylvania who studies religion and politics, argues that Trump’s embrace of evangelicals as a constituency has even changed the way Americans use the label “evangelical,” for themselves and others.

“This term has become a political term,” she said. “It signals something about whether you’re a Trump supporter or not.”

Mark Burns, a pastor from Easley, South Carolina, who served as a campaign surrogate for Trump in 2016 and has endorsed his 2024 run, said Trump’s presidency had changed evangelical voters’ expectations of what a president should deliver for them.

“There’s so many Christian presidents who sound like Christians, who act like Christians, who talk like Christians, who look like good Christians — but they don’t create Christian policies,” he said. “Donald J. Trump is not that person.”

When he first sought the Republican nomination seven years ago, Trump offered conservative evangelicals a bluntly transactional proposition: Vote for him, and he would nominate Supreme Court justices who would end legal abortion.

Steven Cheung, a spokesperson for Trump’s campaign, said in a statement that “President Trump’s unmatched record speaks for itself,” noting his moves to restrict abortion beyond overturning Roe v. Wade, including blocking federal funding for Planned Parenthood and withholding U.S. government support from health organizations abroad that discuss abortion or family planning.

“There has been no bigger advocate for the movement than President Trump,” he said.

But Fea argues that Trump’s delivery on his big promise to conservative evangelicals had, paradoxically, freed conservative church leaders from their alliance of convenience with the former president.

“They tolerated a lot from Trump, and they refused to question him because they knew there were bigger issues at stake,” he said. “But now the slate has been wiped clean, and you have to rethink the question of, is Trump worth it? Or has he done what we needed him to do?”

SKIPPING OUT ON COLLEGE

Mia Woodard had hoped to be the first in her family to get a college degree. Now Woodward, who lives with her father, works in a restaurant, but she may still pursue her goal of getting a culinary arts degree. PATRICK ORSAGOS/AP

Jaded by education, young adults adapt to a world reshaped by the pandemic

By Collin Binkley
Associated Press

JACKSON, Tenn. — When he looked to the future, Grayson Hart always saw a college degree. He was a good student at a good high school. He wanted to be an actor, or maybe a teacher. Growing up, he believed college was the only route to a good job, stability and a happy life.

The pandemic changed his mind.

A year after high school, Hart is directing a youth theater program in Jackson. He got into every college he applied to but turned them all down. Cost was a big factor, but a year of remote learning also gave him the time and confidence to forge his own path.

"There were a lot of us with the pandemic, we kind of had a do-it-yourself kind of attitude of like, 'Oh — I can figure this out,'" he said. "Why do I want to put in all the money to get a piece of paper that really isn't going to help with what I'm doing right now?"

Hart is among hundreds of thousands of young people who came of age during the pandemic but didn't go to college. Many have turned to hourly jobs or careers that don't require a degree, while others have been deterred by high tuition and the prospect of student debt.

Grayson Hart and Evan Roberts rehearse a song March 4 at a cultural arts center in Jackson, Tenn. Hart directs a youth theater program. **MARK ZALESKI/AP**

Debt plays role

What first looked like a pandemic blip has turned into a crisis.

Nationwide, undergraduate college enrollment dropped 8% from 2019 to 2022, with declines even after returning to in-person classes, according to data from the National Student Clearinghouse. The slide in the college-going rate since 2018 is the steepest on record, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Economists say the impact could be dire.

At worst, it could signal a new generation with little faith in the value of a college degree. At minimum, it appears those who passed on college during the pandemic are opting out for good. Predictions that they would enroll after a year or two haven't been borne out.

Fewer college graduates could worsen labor shortages in fields from health care to information technology. For those who forgo college, it usually means lower lifetime earnings — 75% less compared with those who get bachelor's degrees, according to Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce. And when the economy sours, those without degrees are more likely to lose jobs.

"It's quite a dangerous proposition for the strength of our national economy," said Zack Mabel, a Georgetown researcher.

In dozens of interviews, educators, researchers and students described a generation jaded by education institutions.

Largely left on their own amid remote learning, many took part-time jobs. Some felt they weren't learning anything, and the idea of four more years of school, or even two, held little appeal.

At the same time, the nation's student debt has soared.

The issue has loomed large in the minds of young Americans as President Joe Biden pushes to cancel huge swaths of debt, an effort the Supreme Court appears poised to block.

As a kid, Hart dreamed of going to Penn State to study musical theater. His family encouraged college, and he went to a private Christian high school where it's an expectation.

But when classes went online, he spent more time pursuing creative outlets. He felt a new sense of independence, and the stress of school faded.

"I was like, 'OK, what's this thing that's not on my back constantly?'" Hart said. "I can do things that I can enjoy. I can also do things that are important to me. And I kind of relaxed more in life and enjoyed life."

Boone Willams brazes a copper pipe during an apprentice training program class Feb. 2 at a union facility in Nashville, Tenn. Williams, 20, works for a plumbing company and takes classes at night. **MARK ZALESKI/AP**

He started working at a smoothie shop and realized he could earn a steady paycheck without a degree. By the time he graduated, he had left college plans behind.

It happened at public as well as private schools. Some counselors and principals were shocked to see graduates flocking to jobs at Amazon warehouses or scratching together income in the gig economy.

The shift has been stark in Jackson, where just 4 in 10 of the county's public high school graduates immediately went to college in 2021, down from 6 in 10 in 2019. That drop is far steeper than the nation overall, which declined from 66% to 62%, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Jackson's leaders say young people are taking restaurant and retail jobs that pay more than ever. Some are being recruited by manufacturing companies that have raised wages to fill shortages.

"Students can't seem to resist sign-on bonuses and wages that far exceed any that they've seen before," said Vicki Bunch, the head of workforce development for the area's chamber of commerce.

A 'call to action'

Across Tennessee, there is growing concern the slide will only accelerate with the opening of several new manufacturing plants. The biggest is a $5.6 billion Ford plant near Jackson that will produce electric trucks and batteries. It promises to create 5,000 jobs, and its construction is already drawing young workers.

Daniel Moody, 19, was recruited to run plumbing for the plant after graduating from a Memphis high school in 2021. Now earning $24 an hour, he's glad he passed on college.

"If I would have gone to college after school, I would be dead broke," he said. "The type of money we're making out here, you're not going to be making that while you're trying to go to college."

America's college-going rate was generally on the upswing until the pandemic reversed decades of progress. Rates fell even as the nation's population of high school graduates grew, and despite economic upheaval, which typically drives more people into higher education.

In Tennessee, education officials issued a "call to action" after finding just 53% of public high school graduates were enrolling in college in 2021, far below the national average. It was a shock for a state that in 2014 made community college free, leading to a surge in the college-going rate.

Now it's at its lowest point since at least 2009.

Searching for answers, education officials crossed the state last year and heard that easy access to jobs, coupled with student debt worries, made college less attractive.

"This generation is different," said Jamia Stokes, a senior director at SCORE, an education nonprofit. "They're more pragmatic about the way they work, about the way they spend their time and their money."

Most states are still collecting data on recent college rates, but early figures are troubling.

In Arkansas, the number of new high school graduates going to college fell from 49% to 42% during the pandemic. Kentucky slid by a similar amount, to 54%. The latest data in Indiana showed a 12-point drop from 2015 to 2020, leading the higher education chief to warn the "future of our state is at risk."

Even more alarming are the figures for Black, Hispanic and low-income students, who saw the largest slides in many states.

In Tennessee's class of 2021, just 35% of Hispanic graduates and 44% of Black graduates enrolled in college, compared with 58% of their white peers.

There's some hope the worst has passed. The number of freshmen enrolling at colleges increased slightly from 2021 to 2022. But that figure, along with total college enrollment, remains far below pre-pandemic levels.

Amid the chaos of the pandemic, many students fell through the cracks, said Scott Campbell, executive director of Persist Nashville, a nonprofit that offers college coaching.

Some students fell behind academically and didn't feel prepared for college. Others lost access to counselors and teachers who help navigate college applications and the complicated process of applying for federal student aid.

"Students feel like schools have let them down," Campbell said.

Apprenticeships

In Jackson, Mia Woodard recalls sitting in her bedroom and trying to fill out a few online college applications. No one from her school had talked to her about the process, she said.

As she scrolled through the forms, she was sure of her Social Security number and little else.

"None of them even mentioned anything college-wise to me," said Woodard, who is biracial and transferred high schools to escape racist bullying. "It might be because they didn't believe in me."

She says she never heard back from the colleges. She wonders whether to blame her shaky Wi-Fi, or if she simply failed to provide the right information.

A spokesperson for the Jackson school system, Greg Hammond, said it provides several opportunities for students to gain exposure to higher education, including an annual college fair for seniors.

"Mia was an at-risk student," Hammond said. "Our school counselors provide additional supports for high school students in this category. It is, however, difficult to provide post-secondary planning and assistance to students who don't participate in these services."

Woodard, who had hoped to be the first in her family to get a college degree, now works at a restaurant and lives with her dad. She's looking for a second job so she can afford to live on her own. Then maybe she'll pursue her dream of getting a culinary arts degree.

"It's still kind of 50-50," she said of her chances.

If there's a bright spot, experts say, it's that more young people are pursuing education programs other than a four-year degree. Some states are seeing growing demand for apprenticeships in the trades, which usually provide certificates and other credentials.

After a dip in 2020, the number of new apprentices in the U.S. has rebounded to near pre-pandemic levels, according to the Department of Labor.

Before the pandemic, Boone Williams was the type of student colleges compete for.

He took advanced classes and got A's. He grew up around agriculture and thought about going to college for animal science.

But when his school outside Nashville sent students home his junior year, he tuned out.

Instead of logging on for virtual classes, he worked at local farms, breaking horses or helping with cattle.

"I stopped applying myself once COVID came around," Williams, 20, said. "I was focusing on making money rather than going to school."

When a family friend told him about union apprenticeships, he jumped at the chance to get paid for hands-on work while mastering a craft.

Today he works for a plumbing company and takes night classes at a Nashville union.

The pay is modest, Williams said, but eventually he expects to earn far more than friends who took quick jobs after high school.

He even thinks he's better off than some who went to college — he knows too many who dropped out or took on debt for degrees they never used.

"In the long run, I'm going to be way more set than any of them," he said.

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Back to Buffett

Warren Buffett released the annual Berkshire Hathaway shareholder letter, and the 92-year-old "Oracle of Omaha" has a number of notable comments about markets and investing.

For over 58 years, most of the decisions that he and his partner — 99-year-old Charlie Munger — have made were "no better than so-so" and, in fact, some bad bets were "rescued by very large doses of luck."

Why should we pay attention to a couple of nonagenarians, who, over the decades, have been accused of being out of touch with the hot asset du jour? (Charlie Munger has referred to crypto "rat poison" and "crappo.")

Let's start with the impressive track record that they have racked up: From 1965 to 2022, Berkshire has grown at an annualized rate of 19.8%, versus 9.9% for the S&P 500's total return.

Buffett says that their overall success can be attributed to "about a dozen truly good decisions — that would be about one every five years .... The lesson for investors: The weeds wither away in significance as the flowers bloom. Over time, it takes just a few winners to work wonders."

Given that few of us have the deep pockets, infinite time horizon, skill or the patience of Buffett and Munger, there is hope.

In his 2016 annual shareholder letter, Buffett noted that when asked for investment advice, his "regular recommendation has been a low-cost S&P 500 index fund."

That was not a new message for Buffett. Three years prior, he provided similar advice to the trustees of his estate: "Put 10% of the cash in short-term government bonds and 90% in a very low-cost S&P 500 index fund .... I believe the trust's long-term results from this policy will be superior to those attained by most investors ... who employ high-fee managers."

Nobel Prize-winning economist Richard H. Thaler drilled home this point last year, as markets were rolling over and people were wondering what they should do to combat the big market drops.

"Any sudden moves by individual investors are certainly no more likely to be right than wrong .... If anything, they're more likely to be wrong than right because our instinct is to sell when markets go down and to buy when they go up — and buying high and selling low is just not a good strategy .... Stick to your plan and don't think you're a genius and you can beat the market. Because you probably can't."

Still, many cling to the idea that "someone" knows when to jump in and out of markets.

According to old-school money managers Brown Brothers Harriman, "market timing is a fundamentally flawed approach." It's just really hard to determine which asset classes will perform well in the short run and over the longer term, as market cycles are inherently unpredictable and "history has shown that forecasters are not adept at predicting these events."

Maybe retail investors are catching on to the fact that it is nearly impossible to time the market. A new report by Fidelity Investments found that although retirement savers got shellacked last year (down by over 20% from 2021), they "did not make significant changes to their asset allocation in 2022, and more than a third increased their contribution rate over the last year."

Additionally, despite battling surging inflation last year, total 401(k) savings for the fourth quarter (including both employer and employee contributions) held steady at 13.7%. And the percentage of participants with a loan outstanding on their 401(k) was at 16.7% for Q4 2022, matching the lowest percentage on record and down from 21% five years ago.

My guess is that Buffett, Munger and Thaler would be happy with these results.

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Prepare for the unexpected

3 steps to take if you have layoff anxiety

By Rohshann Pilla | Fast Company

In recent months, major U.S. companies announced a wave of layoffs. Meanwhile, developments in artificial intelligence, such as ChatGPT, have taken off. Our workforce is rapidly changing, and many workers are feeling anxious. In fact, LinkedIn recently surveyed 2,000 U.S. workers and found that a whopping 75% experience "Sunday scaries." Plus, 74% say their feelings have increased because of current economic uncertainty.

Now more than ever, workers need to make sure they are keeping up. Whether you were among the tens of thousands who were laid off recently, are considering changing jobs or are happy where you are, there are steps you can take to stay ahead of the changing workforce, remain competitive in the job market, excel in your career and manage your anxiety.

Start upskilling now

As technology develops and virtual reality and artificial intelligence (AI) become more common in the workplace, the skills that we need to succeed are shifting alongside it. Competitive employees in every industry are going to need to upskill to stand out and stay up to date.

For instance, Microsoft and Google have invested in integrating generative AI technology like ChatGPT into their search engines and other products that we use in our daily lives. This opens the door for a new essential skill: the ability to talk to AI and make the most of it.

In addition, the metaverse is expected to grow up to $5 trillion by 2030, and companies and talent who are sitting on the sidelines will miss out on new career and financial opportunities. In a recent survey, my team found that more than half of our respondents intend to improve their skills to transition into emerging metaverse roles. This sentiment shows promise, but with the workplace of the future on our horizon, all workers need to not just consider upskilling but start doing it now.

Plus, upskilling can lead to a pay boost. Aquent's Salary Guide found that a digital designer currently making an average of $90,000 can upskill to become a technical artist, with an average salary of $140,000.

And even if you don't think a given technology will be used in your industry immediately, understand that leaders are finding new applications for these technologies every day. For most of us, it's only a matter of time before technology requires us to uplevel our skills. Pursuing opportunities for lifelong learning, including free online course offerings, can help you become more familiar with how new tech can work in your favor, rather than hurt you.

Build out your network

To be prepared for whatever comes along in this uncertain economic environment, workers should cultivate their networks now — even if they are not actively looking for a new opportunity.

Building a network of recruiters can help you keep a pulse on the changes and trends in your industry. One great way to find quality recruiters is to ask people in your network if they have worked with recruiters or have anyone they can refer you to. Having a trusted colleague make that first connection will give you confidence that you are building a network that is not just large but also valuable.

To that end, developing a strong personal network is just as, if not more, important. Connecting with your peers and other leaders in your field opens the door for mentorship opportunities, references and avenues for professional growth. For instance, you can talk to people who have been in your position and are in leadership positions that you aspire to reach one day. Don't be afraid to reach out and ask them, How did they get there? Lean on your network and use their insights to forge your own path.

If you don't already know people to reach out to, consider joining a professional organization or attending conferences. These provide great networking opportunities as well as chances to hear from industry leaders who can help guide your journey.

Keep your information up to date

Even if you're not planning on sending your résumé out anytime soon, it's important to spend time keeping it current to help illuminate places where you could further develop in your role. It might even spark a conversation with your boss! Be sure to also keep your information current on LinkedIn. Don't go dark just because you are comfortable where you are.

When putting together your résumé, if you recognize a weak point or are currently struggling with a certain aspect of your job, look into classes and certifications that can help you turn these weaknesses into strengths. It's a good sign of professionalism to be self-aware and work to build skills that don't come naturally — the same way that you go to the gym to get stronger physically. Often, companies even have budgets for professional development opportunities and are happy to help you pay for these classes, especially if you take the initiative to seek them out and ask.

In our fast-changing world and workforce, it's wise to prepare for the unexpected. There are steps you can take ahead of time to assuage any layoff fears you may have — even if you don't expect them to come to fruition. It's always a good idea to see what's out there and keep learning, for your personal growth and so that you continue to excel at work no matter what comes your way.

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Advantages and features of health savings accounts

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The Savings Game

There are many tax advantages associated with health savings accounts (HSAs). Consider them "health care IRAs" that can be used after retirement.

To have an HSA, you must also have high-deductible insurance, which can cost more out of pocket for health care expenses, but you will have lower premiums and protection from catastrophic expenses. You will also be able to accumulate significant assets to pay for qualified health care expenses in retirement with tax-free withdrawals.

In ways, these accounts are superior to most retirement accounts. In IRA expert Ed Slott's monthly bulletin, Ryan McKeown, CPA, CFP, summarized the advantages of HSAs.

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Benefits

Your contributions to an HSA are tax deductible (AKA "above the line") regardless of your tax status or income, meaning your adjusted income is reduced, lowering your taxable income.

Your distributions from the account are tax-free if used for qualified health care expenses; and your earnings on contributions are tax-free as long as they are used for qualified health care expenses. There is no "use it or lose it " rule (i.e., you do not have to spend the amount annually). Even after joining Medicare, you may continue to withdraw from your account tax-free if the funds are used for qualified health care expenses. Your spouse, if named as beneficiary, automatically owns the account and has the same tax benefits as the original owner. The account is portable if you choose to roll the account to another HSA.

When you make contributions from your wages, this not only reduces your taxable wages, but it also reduces your income subject to Social Security taxes and lowers the possibility you would be subject to possible higher premiums associated with Medicare premiums for Part B and D.

If your employer offers you free matches to employer defined-contribution plans, it pays to maximize your contributions to obtain the maximum match. But consider making HSA contributions rather than unmatched contributions to your retirement plan. Unmatched contributions to your retirement plan don't have the tax advantages of your contributions to your HSA.

Eligibility

To be eligible for an HSA, you must be enrolled in a high-deductible health plan (HDHP) to contribute. In 2023, qualifying plans for individuals carry a minimum deductible of $3,000; the maximum out-of-pocket expense is $7,500. For family coverage, the minimum deductible is $3,000; the maximum of out-of-pocket expense is $15,000.

You generally cannot have other health insurance (such as a FSA account); you can't be enrolled in Medicare or Tricare; you can't have received care from the VA within the last three months, other than preventative care, or hospital care and medical services with a service-connected disability; and you can't be an eligible dependent on someone else's tax return.

The self-employed are eligible to establish HSAs. Under the existing tax code, self-employed individuals may deduct many health care expenses. However, certain expenses, such as deductibles and co-pays, are not deductible, but these can be paid from your HSA account. In addition, once you retire from your self-employed business, if you have established an HSA account, you will be able to pay all of your qualified health expenses from this account tax-free.

Contribution limits and penalties

In 2023, for individuals under age 55, the annual contribution limit to an HSA is $3,850; for those 55 and over, the limit is $4,850; for family coverage, under age 55, the limit is $7,750; for those 55 and over, the limit is $8,750.

If you withdraw funds from your HSA for purposes other than health care expenses, the withdrawal amount is taxable, and a 20% penalty will be assessed; after 65, there is no penalty, but the amount withdrawn is taxable. So you should try to restrict withdrawals to health care expenses only.

Bottom line: HSAs can provide you with significant tax savings. If you are eligible to establish an account, look carefully at the potential advantages for you now, and in retirement.

Elliot Raphaelson welcomes your questions and comments at raphelliot@gmail.com.

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The Savage Truth

Social Security's huge mistakes

The Social Security Administration makes mistakes. Sometimes big ones. If Social Security miscalculated and underpaid you for many years, you might never find out. But these days, many people are getting letters from Social Security saying they have been *overpaid* for many years.

And Social Security demands that you return such overpayments, even if it is responsible for the mistake.

In many cases, these long-term errors in Social Security calculations add up to huge amounts. For example, consider the case of "Dana," who recently posted this question on my blog at TerrySavage.com:

"In May 2021, I received a letter from Social Security stating I owe $88,734 because I was not entitled to my husband's benefits because I collect a pension. I went through all the process with the Social Security (Administration), brought in all documents that were needed by them, and nothing was ever told to me by them that I was not able to collect. I filed an appeal but never heard from them until now!

"I am 73 and had a heart attack with a triple bypass done! I don't want to lose my house! I have all the documents since this began almost two years ago. With COVID-19, they never would get back to me, and offices were always closed. Now they are threatening me. Please help!"

Her question shocked me, and I turned to famed economist Laurence Kotlikoff, creator of the MaximizeMySocialSecurity.com calculator and co-author of the best-selling "Get What's Yours: The Secrets to Maxing Out Your Social Security."

According to Kotlikoff, Dana is not alone. He told me:

"I receive emails on a routine basis from people who, out of the blue, received a letter from Social Security demanding, with no clear explanation, that they pay back previously paid benefits within 30 days! The bills can be in the thousands, tens of thousands and even hundreds of thousands.

"One disabled lady was clawed back for over $300,000 for a mistake that Social Security admitted in writing was theirs! The woman's 'crime' was receiving royalties on a book she wrote that Social Security told her, for 10 years running, would not lower her disability benefits — because royalties aren't earned income.

"When I asked Social Security for an accounting of how much money they are clawing back, I was referred to their 182-page annual report. Buried on the balance sheet, I found $8.6 billion in "receivables" that "consists mainly of moneys due to SSA from Social Security (and disability) beneficiaries who received benefits in excess of their entitlement.

"Even worse, if you don't repay your portion of that $8.6 billion in Social Security mistakes, they almost always will stop sending you a single penny until you've repaid what they say you owe."

Kotlikoff has been crusading against Social Security mistakes for years. He has also written about its attempts at "bribing people to forego accruing Delayed Retirement Credits and take their retirement benefits sooner than they should." Or what he calls "the widow(er)s scam," in which Social Security simultaneously enrolls widow(er)s for both their retirement and widow(er)s benefit when doing so can only cost the claimants money, potentially hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Kotlikoff has even offered his online calculator to the government, so that Social Security representatives could use it to give the proper advice.

His previous public complaints, based on a Social Security whistle-blower, were the impetus for the 2018 Social Security Inspector General's report, which called on the Social Security Administration to end its malfeasance and compensate its victims. Nothing has been done, he notes.

So, Kotlikoff and I are joining together to help people deal with this issue. If you have had benefits clawed back as a result of a Social Security mistake, please post a short description on my AskTerry blog at TerrySavage.com, including your name, email and telephone number. (Do not specify your Social Security number.)

I will not respond publicly. But I will bundle these complaints and pass them on to Kotlikoff, who promises to take them to the highest levels of government.

Maybe this time we can make a difference. That's the Savage Truth.

Rule changes for electric vehicle tax credit

By Kelley R. Taylor
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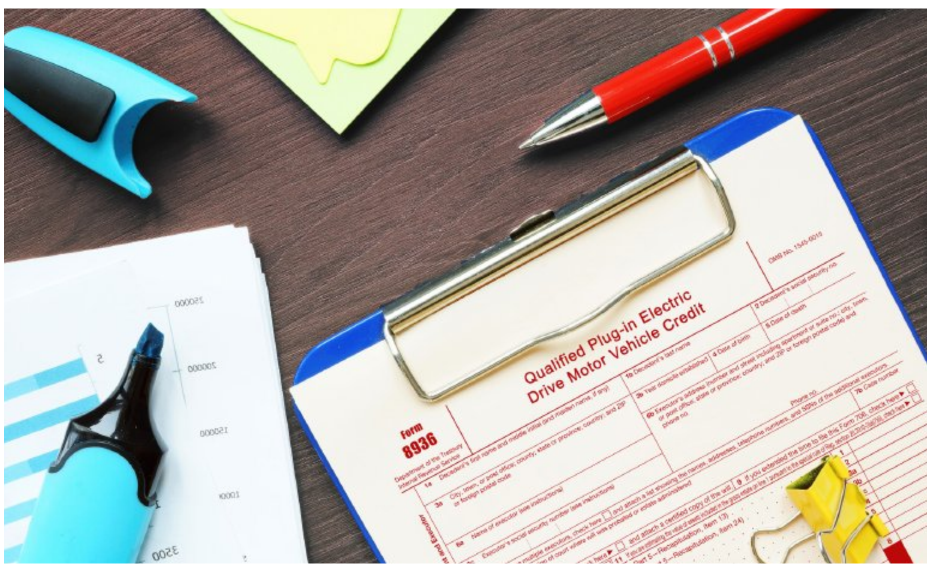
When the Inflation Reduction Act passed in 2022, it ushered in an electric vehicle tax credit worth up to $7,500.

This EV tax credit has caused some confusion ever since, partly because of the rules on price limits as well as the manufacturing, sourcing and assembly of the vehicles.

The IRS released guidance late last year to help consumers know which EVs were eligible for the new credit. That guidance used a particular federal vehicle classification standard to determine whether a certain EV is a car or SUV. That distinction is important because under the new law, the tax credit manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) limit is different for cars than SUVs, vans and pickup trucks. To be eligible for the EV credit, cars must have an MSRP under $55,000, while vans, pickup trucks and SUVs can't have an MSRP of more than $80,000.

To address ongoing confusion around the rules, the Treasury Department and IRS recently leased new guidance. That guidance uses different criteria, based on the Environmental Protection Agency's Fuel Economy Labeling Standard, to determine whether a vehicle is a car or SUV. That means that several crossover vehicles that were apparently ineligible for the EV credit last month are now eligible.

Additionally, the new guidance is retroactive to Jan. 1, 2023. So, if you took possession of your EV in January, you could use this guidance to see if you qualify for the credit.



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The Tesla Model Y, Ford Mustang Mach-E and Cadillac Lyriq are examples of popular electric vehicles that now qualify as SUVs for purposes of the EV credit, according to the IRS.

But it's important to note the credit guidance coming from the IRS can be complicated, so keep an eye on the IRS's list of qualifying vehicles for 2023 and later. You can also search the vehicle identification number of the EV that you're interested in on the Department of Energy's Alternative Fuels Data Center website.

The vehicle classification changes come as some automakers, including Ford and Tesla, had already reduced prices on some EV models to make them eligible for the tax credit. (Some of those prices, such as the price of the Tesla Model Y, are reportedly inching back up.)

Still, there's a lot of wrangling in Congress and in international circles over which electric vehicles should be eligible for the credit.

So, what does all of this mean for you? The controversy surrounding the credit and the complicated rules for claiming it mean that new guidance will continue to flow from the government. For example, much anticipated guidance on manufacturing and sourcing requirements for the credit is expected in March. So, if you're in the market for an EV and hope to claim the tax credit, stay tuned.

According to neuroscience, do these things to read faster and improve memory

SOURCE: Nick Hobson, Inc.

Every successful person says that the road to success starts with becoming an avid reader. Scientists have spent the last few decades trying to understand how people can become faster and better readers. These tricks might help you become a more proficient reader.

The mechanics of reading

To test someone's reading skills, researchers simply ask people to read a text while timing the time it takes for them to finish. The readers then answer some comprehension questions—super-fast readers are no good if they don't understand what they just read. According to the researchers, when people read at a rate of more than 400 words per minute, they are no longer properly reading the text but skimming. If the topic of what you're reading is familiar to you, skimming might be a good technique to get the gist of the text. However, if you have to read about an unfamiliar topic, you're better off taking the proper time.

Diagnose your own reading

Researchers also point out that there are symptoms of slow reading: fixating on units smaller than words (such as parts of words or letters), fixating on a word for too long, or making too many regressions—skilled readers make 15 regressions for every 100 fixations, so keep in mind that some amount of regression is normal and desired. These symptoms are common when you are learning to read in a new language, for instance, but you'd expect them to improve as you improve your general language abilities.

Train for excellence

One of the most common methods to train for faster reading consists of timed reading sessions followed by comprehension questions. In these sessions, you basically read relatively long texts while being timed. The texts should not be too long (around 2000 words) and contain only familiar words. The method might not be ideal for entire book chapters, but should work with short articles or blog posts. Most materials don't come with comprehension questions, but you can always ask yourself what are the main points that the article is trying to make.

Money matters

Gen Z girls want better tools for learning about personal finance and investing

By Shalene Gupta | Fast Company

We may still see a gender pay gap at work, but according to a new study from Fidelity, Gen Z and millennials are determined to learn more about money early in life and fix gender inequality in the workplace.

To mark Women's History Month, financial planning company Fidelity surveyed more than 3,700 adults about the state of women's finances and whom they turn to for support. Here are some key findings:

Teen girls want more financial education: 81% of teen girls say they'd like to have more hands-on ways to learn about investing and personal finance. Eight in 10 teen girls say they wish their schools had more resources on topics like personal finance and investing, while 66% would like a family member to teach them about money and investing. About 70% of teen girls say they are most likely to look up to their mothers as financial role models.

Women want to help other women: 69% of women say they go out of their way to help other women because they want others to have the support they never received, while 66% of Gen Z and millennial women say they prefer to learn about money from other women.

Help can take various forms: 75% of women agree that it's important to be open about the support systems they have in place to combat the stereotype that women must do it all. Around 30% of Gen Z and millennial women have recommended another woman for a job or acted as a reference, and provided advice on pitfalls to avoid. About 20% of Gen Z and millennial women have helped with providing transportation and childcare as well as discussed pay.

Women want to end the gender wage gap: 66% of women agree it's important to do everything they can to lessen the gender wage gap. This increases to 71% for Gen Z and millennial women.

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INVESTING

Energy stocks should pump out more gains

By Kim Clark
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The gusher of rising energy stock prices, which has sent the sector up 66% in 2022 on top of 55% in 2021, may finally be calming down a little. But there's still plenty of oomph left for volatility-tolerant investors to reap rich profits in energy stocks in 2023.

Global recessions, war and COVID-19 could buffet the sector in the first half of the year, says Darrell Cronk, president of the Wells Fargo Investment Institute. But because he expects energy supplies to struggle to keep up with a likely economic recovery later in the year, his outlook for energy stocks remains bright.

Wells Fargo sees the price of West Texas Intermediate crude finishing 2023 between $100 and $120 a barrel, up from $80 at the end of 2022. Alternative-energy sources aren't currently growing fast enough to meet demand, so Cronk says the outlook is positive over the long term for legacy energy producers — the companies that find, extract, refine, transport and store oil and gas.

"We are only a couple of years into a multiyear bull supercycle," he says.

Just don't expect profits to grow at the torrid pace of the past couple of years. The consensus forecast of analysts is for energy profits to contract 13% in 2023, following an estimated 152% jump in 2022 compared with 2021, according to FactSet, an investment research firm.

And there are still plenty of bargains. Based on estimated earnings, the energy sector carries the lowest price-earnings ratio of the 11 stock sectors in the S&P 500 index. While the P/E for the overall index is 17.3, stocks in the energy sector recently traded at an average P/E of 9.6 — significantly less than the sector's long-term historical average P/E of 17.8, according to research firm CFRA.

With those kinds of discounts, "What else are you going to do with your money?" asks energy bull Cole Smead, co-manager for the Smead Value Fund. The fund, whose returns rank it in the top 25% of similar funds for seven of the past 10 years, according to fund-tracker Morningstar, held 23% of its portfolio in oil and gas companies at last report.

Ben Cook, who manages the Hennessy Midstream Fund, adds that a revolution in the C-suites of energy firms should also support their stock prices. Companies are no longer spending all their profits — and then some — on oil fields, plant and equipment in response to rising oil prices, he says. Now, most are reining in capital spending and instead using cash to reduce debt, raise dividends and buy back stock.

"Total shareholder return has become a more significant priority to management," Cook says, which could lead to higher P/Es for the shares as investors become willing to pay more for those potential returns.

Steve Rosen
Kids & Money

Tips for controlling 4-legged expenses

Your kids are practically begging: "Please, please, please, can we get a dog?"

But before they wear you down, know what you're getting into both financially and emotionally.

Adding a dog — or cat — to the household is a big commitment, especially if you're expecting your children to take ownership of the walking, feeding, ball tossing and yard cleanup duty.

Lest that sound too harsh, here's an example that tore at my heart.

When scrolling the internet trying to help a friend find a new dog to replace a longtime companion, I came across this "for sale" message from a father on Craigslist. He was hoping to find a new owner who would "rehome" his family's 10-week old pup. The asking price: $200.

"We have a male husky looking to rehome," he said in his post. "I purchased him for my son, who I thought would take care of this loveable guy. But he is too busy with video games to care for this little guy who is so full of spunk and energy. I work too much and feel he needs more attention. He's a very funny dog, full of personality."

Unfortunately, that's not the only sad story I came across on Craigslist, where parents were putting a dog up for sale because their kids weren't interested.

So if you're thinking about adding a four-legged member to your family, here's lesson No. 1: Make sure first that there's some buy-in from your kids on taking care of the new family member.

I'm not a big fan of puppy-in-a-box surprises. Do some serious homework on the mix or breed. Do you want to adopt a dog from a shelter or rescue facility, which is typically less expensive, or buy from a breeder or pet store?

Keep in mind that certain breeds are more prone to having health issues, which means expensive trips to the veterinarian.

Once you've had the family conversation with the kids, review the upfront and recurring pet expenses that can eat a significant portion of your family budget.

Various surveys suggest that dog and cat owners pay an average ranging from $111 each month to $276 and higher. Multiply those numbers by the typical lifespan of your pet — say 10 years — and you're talking serious money.

It's practically a given that there will be surprise visits to the vet to deal with a sick puppy. Our German Shorthaired Pointer mix had his annual checkup recently, which included shots, bloodwork and even x-rays to figure out if there was a lower intestinal issue (good news, there wasn't).

That visit cost me about $800, not including the cost of switching to a new and more expensive dietary food. I'm not complaining, but be aware that stuff happens that you can't always budget for.

According to a Lending Tree survey last August, 26% of pet owners said they were struggling to afford their pet because of inflation.

Here are some tips on how to control the expected as well as unexpected expenses:

- Join pet store loyalty programs. Points can be redeemed for store credit.
- Take advantage of low-cost pet vaccine clinics offered in many communities.
- Consider pet insurance, which can help you save money, especially on emergency visits to the veterinarian. In some cases, insurance will cover up to 90% of the bills.
- Be proactive and set up annual vet exams, and stay up to date on pets' booster shots.
- When it comes to trimming your dog's nails, check out the do-it-yourself videos on YouTube that demonstrate how to do it correctly — the same with other pet-grooming chores.
- Consider group classes for training, which are cheaper than a one-on-one session with a private trainer.

Whatever you decide, do me one favor: no sad pet stories like the ones I found on Craigslist.

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Find a bank account with a better yield

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Kiplinger's Personal Finance

When interest rates rise — as they have over the past year — the outlook for savers improves. But where you keep your cash matters.

Shopping around for a higher annual percentage yield (APY) on your savings or checking account can pay off. If you switch from a savings account yielding 0.01% to one with a 3.5% rate, interest earnings could boost your balance by up to 3.6% in a year and 41.7% in 10 years, according to DepositAccounts, a bank account comparison site.

And switching to a new savings account is fairly simple. You may need to look up the routing number and account number of the checking account or other account that will fund the savings account, but otherwise the setup process can be completed online in minutes.

The APY on your savings account changes over time at the bank's discretion, so it's important to keep tabs on what your account is earning compared with other top-yielding accounts. Instead of increasing rates on existing savings accounts, some online banks are creating new savings accounts with higher rates. Unless they open new accounts, existing customers with the old savings accounts earn the lower rates.

Online banks often provide the best savings yields. The Interest Savings Account from Bask Bank, for example, recently required no minimum balance and had an APY of about 4%. American Express, Barclays, Capital One and Synchrony all offer savings accounts with APYs upward of 3.3% and no minimum-balance requirement.

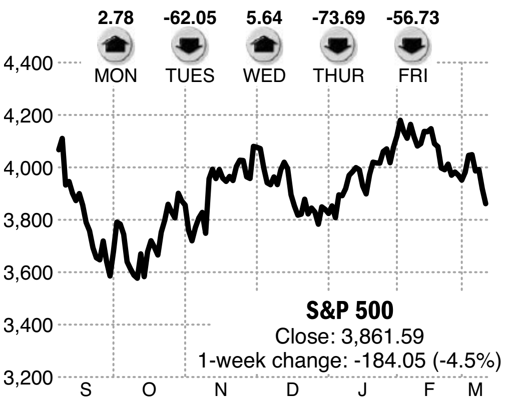
Switching a checking account can be more of a headache than switching a savings account. Typically, regular bill payments, paychecks and other accounts are tied to a checking account, so switching is often a time-consuming process. But moving from a checking account with an APY of 0.01% to one yielding 5% — the highest checking rate DepositAccounts found in a December study — could mean a balance boost as high as 5.1% in a year and 64.5% in 10 years.

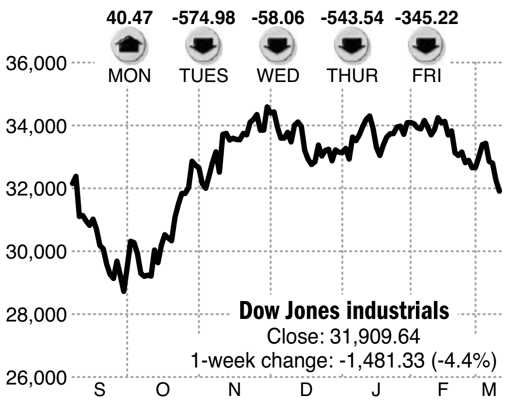
And a better APY may not be the only compelling reason to switch a checking account. "If you're moving from a checking account that's charging you fees every month to one that's free, it's worth the investment of time," says Greg McBride, chief financial analyst for Bankrate.com.

Rather than use an online bank, savers might turn to smaller, local brick-and-mortar banks that offer rewards checking accounts, which provide higher interest rates up to a certain balance. The catch with these is that you have to make a minimum number of debit card purchases monthly to qualify for the high rate, says Ken Tumin, founder of DepositAccounts. This, in addition to the time-consuming nature of switching checking accounts, is a good reason you might choose to focus on savings accounts at online banks to take advantage of higher interest rates, he says.

INVESTING

Stocks Recap





52-WEEK			WEEKLY PERFORMANCE					YTD	1YR
HIGH	LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	%CHG	%CHG
35492.22	28660.94	Dow Jones industrials	33572.22	31783.41	31909.64	-1481.33	-4.4	-3.7	-3.1
16728.57	11946.21	Dow Jones trans.	15195.58	14135.61	14209.01	-904.28	-6.0	+6.1	-6.7
1077.08	823.64	Dow Jones utilities	924.32	883.45	887.55	-28.68	-3.1	-8.3	-9.3
17034.91	13278.56	NYSE Comp.	15772.65	14830.91	14894.18	-826.89	-5.3	-1.9	-5.5
6748.26	4952.56	NYSE International	6260.85	5957.23	5974.29	-262.50	-4.2	+2.8	-4.0
15265.42	10440.64	Nasdaq 100	12466.88	11789.86	11830.28	-460.52	-3.8	+8.1	-11.1
14646.90	10088.83	Nasdaq Comp.	11827.92	11093.86	11138.89	-550.12	-4.7	+6.4	-13.3
4637.30	3491.58	S&P 500	4078.49	3846.32	3861.59	-184.05	-4.6	+0.6	-8.2
2780.91	2185.93	S&P MidCap	2650.12	2434.52	2452.59	-195.68	-7.4	+0.9	-4.6
46793.61	34917.15	Wilshire 5000	40733.10	38202.96	38379.18	-2071.77	-5.1	+0.8	-9.3
2138.45	1641.47	Russell 2000	1928.70	1756.82	1772.70	-155.56	-8.1	+0.7	-10.5
465.52	377.77	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	464.18	452.89	452.89	-11.60	-2.5	+6.6	+5.0
8047.06	6707.62	FTSE 100	7959.77	7708.32	7748.35	-198.76	-2.5	+4.0	+8.3

Gold
↗ **+14.30**
$1,862.00

Silver
↘ **-.72**
$20.38

Crude Oil
↘ **-3.00**
$76.68

Natural Gas
↘ **-.58**
$2.43

10-year T-note
↘ **-.27**
3.70%

Euro
↘ **-.0008**
to .9396/$1

Yen
↘ **-1.06**
to 134.79/$1

Most active

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Bank of America	30.27	-3.89
Ford Motor	12.10	-.98
Snap Inc A	10.34	-.31
Lumen Technologies	2.68	-.49
Carnival Corp	9.69	-1.42
Sthwstn Energy	4.94	-.73
Silvergate capital	2.52	-3.25
Palantir Technol	7.35	-.98
Schwab Corp	58.70	-18.71
Wells Fargo & Co	41.36	-5.49
AT&T Inc	18.43	-.38
Nu Holdings Ltd	4.49	-.19
Uber Technologies	31.11	-3.46

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Mullen Automotive	.17	-.05
Tesla Inc	173.44	-24.35
Exela Technologies	.05	-.02
Novo Integrated Sci	.14	+.01
Adv Micro Dev	82.67	+1.15
Rivian Automotive A	14.16	-2.76
Apple Inc	148.50	-2.53
Amazon.com Inc	90.73	-4.17
Bed Bath &Beynd	1.34	-.15
Intel Corp	27.22	+.82
Nvidia Corporation	229.65	-9.21
Faraday Fut Intllgnt	.47	-.10
SoFi Technologies	5.58	-1.14

EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Direx SOX Bear 3X	22.52	+2.05
Direx Biotech Bull	4.95	-1.77
Direx SOX Bull 3X	14.05	-1.63
iShs iBoxx HY CpBd	73.44	-1.28
iShares Rus 2000	176.18	-15.32
Invesco QQQ Trust	288.55	-11.13
ProShs UltraPro QQQ	20.88	-2.58
ProSh Short QQQ	13.63	+.50
ProShs Short S&P	16.03	+.73
ProShs UltPro ShtQQQ	41.08	+4.35
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	385.91	-18.28
SPDR S&P Reg Bkg	50.69	-9.69
SPDR Financial	32.93	-3.06

Largest Companies

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
ASML Holding NV	601.21	-36.17
Abbott Labs	96.96	-7.49
AbbVie Inc	149.71	-6.35
Alibaba Group Hldg	82.96	-6.74
Alphabet Inc C	91.01	-3.01
Alphabet Inc A	90.63	-3.02
Amazon.com Inc	90.73	-4.17
Apple Inc	148.50	-2.53
AstraZeneca PLC	64.19	-1.01
Bank of America	30.27	-3.89
Berkshire Hath A	460462.06	-12794.08
Berkshire Hath B	303.63	-8.82
Broadcom Inc	614.83	-17.93
Chevron Corp	159.67	-5.29
Cisco Syst	48.56	-.72
CocaCola Co	59.21	-.23
Costco Wholesale	471.14	-4.12
Danaher Corp	239.75	-13.39
Disney	93.57	-7.57
Eli Lilly	315.02	-3.41
Exxon Mobil Corp	107.78	-5.03
Home Depot	286.31	-12.14
JPMorgan Chase	133.65	-10.01
Johnson & Johnson	151.61	-2.41
Linde plc	350.05	...
MasterCard Inc	347.11	-14.39
McDonalds Corp	262.03	-7.04
Merck & Co	107.69	+.81
Meta Platforms Inc	179.51	-5.74
Microsoft Corp	248.59	-6.70
Novartis AG	80.67	-.54
Novo Nordisk AS	141.29	-3.61
Nvidia Corporation	229.65	-9.21
Oracle Corp	84.07	-5.18
PepsiCo	172.03	-1.12
Pfizer Inc	39.39	-1.76
Procter & Gamble	137.19	-3.76
Salesforce.com Inc	173.18	-13.25
Shell plc ADS	60.36	-1.94
T-Mobile US Inc	139.51	-2.39
Taiwan Semicon	87.25	-2.54
Tesla Inc	173.44	-24.35
Thermo Fisher Sci	543.83	-15.61
Toyota Mot	137.97	-1.86
Unitedhealth Group	460.33	-16.58
Visa Inc	216.14	-7.63
WalMart Strs	136.97	-3.70

Largest mutual funds

Based on Total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
American Century UltraInv	58.16	-2.59	-12.9
American Funds AMCpA m	31.04	-1.64	-11.0
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	28.61	-.72	-6.6
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	46.93	-1.87	-3.6
American Funds BdfAmrcA m	11.46	+.12	-7.4
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	52.36	-2.03	-4.5
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	62.48	-1.70	-3.1
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	51.11	-1.68	-2.7
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	60.76	-3.21	-6.1
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	51.67	-2.88	-12.4
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.24	-.65	-4.2
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	41.75	-1.74	-5.4
American Funds NewWldA m	67.82	-2.57	-5.6
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	49.09	-2.20	-7.8
American Funds SmCpWldA m	57.89	-3.57	-10.5
American Funds TheNewEcoA m	45.03	-2.17	-10.0
American Funds TxExBdA m	12.13	+.08	-4.2
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	50.35	-2.27	-5.6
Artisan IntlValueInstl	41.05	-.82	+6.1
Baird AggrgateBdInstl	9.73	+.12	-7.0
Baird CorPlusBdInstl	10.00	+.11	-6.6
BlackRock StrIncOpIns	9.24	+.02	-1.7
Calamos MktNetrlIncIns	14.00	-.08	...
Columbia DivIncIns	27.82	-1.22	-2.1
DFA EMktCorEqI	20.52	-.76	-8.6
DFA IntlCorEqIns	14.13	-.46	...
DFA IntlSmCoInstl	18.16	-.54	-2.8
DFA IntlSmCpValIns	19.85	-.58	+1.4
DFA USCorEq1Instl	30.05	-1.70	-5.8
DFA USCorEqIIInstl	27.38	-1.60	-5.2
DFA USLgCpValInstl	40.79	-2.50	-4.0
DFA USSmCpInstl	39.42	-3.07	-4.5
DFA USSmCpValInstl	39.66	-3.32	-1.2
DFA USTrgtedValIns	27.80	-2.35	-1.5
Dodge & Cox BalI	93.45	-3.40	-4.5
Dodge & Cox IncI	12.42	+.09	-4.8
Dodge & Cox IntlStkI	44.51	-1.86	+2.5
Dodge & Cox StkI	212.12	-13.75	-6.7
DoubleLine TtlRetBdI	8.95	+.13	-8.7
Edgewood GrInstl	32.46	-1.81	-18.3
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	134.32	-6.38	-7.8
Fidelity BCGrowth	122.02	-6.40	-16.8
Fidelity Balanced	23.55	-.60	-7.6
Fidelity Cap&Inc	9.10	-.14	-3.2
Fidelity Contrafund	12.37	-.47	-11.6
Fidelity EmergMketsOpps	15.78	-.73	-8.2
Fidelity ExMktIdxInPr	64.36	-5.71	-12.8
Fidelity Frdm 2025	12.00	-.23	-7.2
Fidelity Frdm 2030	14.99	-.34	-6.8
Fidelity GlobalexUSIdx	12.72	-.43	-2.8
Fidelity GroCo	23.85	-1.26	-13.8
Fidelity GroCo	14.45	-.79	-12.7
Fidelity IntlGr	14.90	-.54	-1.6
Fidelity IntlIdxInstlPrm	43.06	-1.21	+2.0
Fidelity IntlVal	10.43	-.38	+4.3
Fidelity InvmGradeBd	10.00	+.11	-6.5
Fidelity LowPrStk	46.05	-2.26	-1.2
Fidelity Magellan	10.94	-.46	-9.1
Fidelity OTCPortfolio	13.46	-.59	-12.8
Fidelity Puritan	20.79	-.59	-7.8
Fidelity TotalBond	9.48	+.09	-6.5
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInsPrm	107.14	-5.76	-8.6
Fidelity USBdIdxInsPrm	10.29	+.12	-7.3
First Eagle GlbA m	58.93	-1.97	-2.1
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.26	-.04	-3.3
Franklin Templeton IncAdv	2.24	-.04	-3.2
Franklin Templeton RisingDivsA m	81.22	-3.26	-1.2
Harbor CptlApprecInstl	67.01	-3.03	-14.8
Harding Loevner IntlEqInstl	24.15	-.96	-2.0
INVESCO DevMktsY	37.38	-1.37	+.1
JPMorgan CoreBondI	10.28	+.14	-7.8
JPMorgan CoreBondR6	10.30	+.14	-7.6
JPMorgan EqIncI	21.39	-1.14	-2.0
JPMorgan LCapGrI	44.71	-2.69	-10.1
John Hancock DiscpValMCI	24.45	-1.77	-3.3
Lord Abbett ShrtDurIncI	3.84	+.01	-1.6
MFS IntlEqR6	29.61	-.74	+3.0
MFS ValI	45.75	-2.18	-2.0
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdI	9.13	+.11	-8.9
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdPlan	8.56	+.10	-8.9
Old Westbury LgCpStrats	14.63	-.71	-9.4
PGIM Investments TtlRetBdZ	11.90	+.13	-8.9
PIMCO AlAstInstl	10.64	-.21	-6.4
PIMCO IncA m	10.35	-.03	-2.5
PIMCO IncI2	10.35	-.03	-2.2
PIMCO IncInstl	10.35	-.03	-2.1
PIMCO TtlRetIns	8.56	+.09	-9.7
Parnassus CorEqInv	47.05	-2.33	-7.8
Schwab SP500Idx	59.29	-2.81	-6.9
Schwab Schwab1000Idx	82.95	-4.26	-7.4
Schwab TtlStkMktIdx	65.89	-3.54	-7.4
T. Rowe Price BCGr	108.95	-4.62	-18.8
T. Rowe Price CptlAprc	30.13	-.87	-4.1
T. Rowe Price DivGr	62.70	-2.69	-2.5
T. Rowe Price GrStk	65.13	-2.70	-18.6
T. Rowe Price LrgCpGrI	47.76	-1.94	-15.5
T. Rowe Price MdCpGr	90.54	-5.50	-5.4
T. Rowe Price Rtr2030	22.21	-.67	-6.8
TIAA-CREF EqIdxIns	27.42	-1.46	-8.5
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	357.29	-16.95	-7.9
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	40.17	-1.08	-7.9
Vanguard CAITTxExAdm	11.19	+.07	-2.0
Vanguard CptlOppAdmrl	146.33	-8.63	-4.9
Vanguard DevMIdxAdmrl	14.04	-.45	-1.4
Vanguard DevMIdxIns	14.06	-.45	-1.4
Vanguard DivGrInv	33.73	-1.21	-1.6
Vanguard EMStkIdxInAdm	32.45	-1.28	-9.2
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	80.85	-4.10	-2.0
Vanguard ExplorerAdmrl	89.43	-7.08	-8.8
Vanguard ExtMktIdxAdmrl	102.97	-9.14	-12.9
Vanguard ExtMktIdxIns	102.97	-9.13	-12.8
Vanguard ExtMktIdxInsPls	254.11	-22.53	-12.8
Vanguard GNMAAdmrl	9.23	+.09	-7.4
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	116.71	-5.34	-13.6
Vanguard GrIdxIns	116.72	-5.34	-13.6
Vanguard HCAdmrl	84.26	-3.40	+1.0
Vanguard HYCorpAdmrl	5.16	-.04	-3.0
Vanguard HYTEAdmrl	10.37	+.10	-5.6
Vanguard InTrBdIdxAdmrl	10.19	+.15	-7.8
Vanguard InTrInGdAdm	8.39	+.06	-6.9
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.43	+.08	-2.3
Vanguard InflPrtScAdmrl	23.49	+.04	-10.2
Vanguard InflPrtScIns	9.57	+.02	-10.1
Vanguard InsIdxIns	324.52	-15.40	-7.8
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	324.52	-15.40	-7.8
Vanguard InsTtlSMIInPls	67.71	-3.63	-8.6
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	94.34	-4.84	-5.8
Vanguard IntlValInv	37.30	-1.36	+2.5
Vanguard LTInGrdAdm	8.02	+.11	-12.3
Vanguard LTTEAdmrl	10.64	+.09	-4.7
Vanguard LfStrGrInv	36.65	-1.25	-6.4
Vanguard LfStrModGrInv	27.92	-.63	-6.9
Vanguard LtdTrmTEAdmrl	10.69	+.04	-.3
Vanguard MCpVlIdxAdm	68.50	-4.92	-3.1
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	252.54	-18.29	-5.9
Vanguard MdCpIdxIns	55.79	-4.04	-5.9
Vanguard MdCpIdxInsPlus	275.14	-19.93	-5.8
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	130.57	-6.28	-5.3
Vanguard PrmCpCorInv	26.91	-1.26	-4.3
Vanguard RlEstIdxAdmrl	114.50	-8.73	-19.9
Vanguard SCpGrIdxAdm	72.85	-6.08	-11.8
Vanguard SCpValIdxAdm	68.11	-5.89	-5.3
Vanguard STBdIdxAdmrl	9.89	+.06	-2.9
Vanguard STInfPrScIdAdmr	23.56	-.03	-3.3
Vanguard STInfPrScIdIns	23.57	-.04	-3.3
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	9.97	+.04	-2.1
Vanguard STInvmGrdIns	9.97	+.04	-2.1
Vanguard STTEAdmrl	15.59	+.03	+.7
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	89.03	-7.58	-7.9
Vanguard SmCpIdxIns	89.03	-7.58	-7.9
Vanguard StarInv	24.69	-.74	-6.7
Vanguard TMCapApAdm	200.08	-10.25	-8.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Fd	25.78	-.35	-6.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Fd	16.97	-.34	-6.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Fd	31.93	-.78	-6.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Fd	19.70	-.56	-6.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2040Fd	34.61	-1.13	-6.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2045Fd	23.23	-.86	-6.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2050Fd	38.47	-1.52	-6.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2055Fd	42.92	-1.69	-6.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2060Fd	39.53	-1.56	-6.0
Vanguard TrgtRtrIncFd	12.44	-.08	-6.1
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	9.58	+.11	-7.3
Vanguard TtBMIdxIns	9.58	+.11	-7.3
Vanguard TtBMIdxInsPlus	9.58	+.11	-7.3
Vanguard TtInBIdxAdmrl	19.27	+.21	-7.7
Vanguard TtInBIdxIns	28.91	+.31	-7.7
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	28.66	-.97	-3.5
Vanguard TtInSIdxIns	114.60	-3.91	-3.5
Vanguard TtInSIdxInsPlus	114.63	-3.91	-3.5
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	17.13	-.58	-3.6
Vanguard TtlSMIdxAdmrl	94.04	-5.04	-8.6
Vanguard TtlSMIdxIns	94.05	-5.05	-8.6
Vanguard TtlSMIdxInv	94.01	-5.04	-8.7
Vanguard USGrAdmrl	106.63	-6.23	-17.4
Vanguard ValIdxAdmrl	52.61	-2.73	-3.0
Vanguard ValIdxIns	52.61	-2.73	-3.0
Vanguard WlngtnAdmrl	65.68	-1.83	-6.1
Vanguard WlngtnInv	38.03	-1.06	-6.2
Vanguard WlslyIncAdmrl	58.88	-.70	-5.1
Vanguard WndsrAdmrl	68.16	-4.46	-1.5
Vanguard WndsrIIAdmrl	66.23	-3.43	-5.5
Vanguard WndsrIIInv	37.34	-1.93	-5.6
WCM FocIntGrIns	20.30	-1.06	-4.1
Western Asset CorPlusBdI	9.48	+.07	-11.3
iShares S&P500IdxK	454.02	-21.54	-7.8

b - Fee covering market costs is paid from fund assets. d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee. m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee. s - fund split shares during the week. x - fund paid a distribution during the week. Source: Morningstar.

How the region's Top 100 companies fared

Ranks based on market capitalization of public companies headquartered in Illinois and northwest Indiana as of Friday, March 10, 2023

	Market capitalization in millions of dollars		*Stock $ change*	*Stock % return*
RANK/COMPANY	CAP	CLOSE	WEEK	1-YR
1 AbbVie Inc	264,896	149.71	▼ -6.35	+2.8
2 McDonalds Corp	191,674	262.03	▼ -7.04	+20.2
3 Abbott Labs	168,511	96.96	▼ -7.49	-15.7
4 Boeing Co	121,674	203.07	▼ -12.04	+12.7
5 Deere Co	117,322	395.93	▼ -34.35	+15.5
6 Caterpillar Inc	117,215	227.01	▼ -28.30	+17.1
7 Mondelez Intl	88,478	64.90	▼ -.81	+8.1
8 ITW	70,248	230.27	▼ -8.66	+15.4
9 CME Group	62,831	174.67	▼ -9.52	-19.1
10 Kraft Heinz Co	46,476	37.94	▼ -.70	+4.2
11 Motorola Solutions	43,732	261.48	▼ -5.08	+21.1
12 Arch Dan Mid	42,010	76.66	▼ -4.40	-2.6
13 Exelon Corp	39,944	40.18	▼ -1.20	-3.7
14 Gallagher AJ	38,762	182.76	▼ -6.27	+20.3
15 Grainger WW	34,028	677.88	▼ -19.71	+43.6
16 Allstate Corp	31,125	118.20	▼ -9.93	+.3
17 Walgreen Boots Alli	28,686	33.26	▼ -2.83	-26.8
18 Discover Fin Svcs	26,753	102.14	▼ -12.63	+.0
19 Ulta Salon Cosmetics	26,518	521.18	▼ -.88	+39.3
20 CDW Corp	25,826	190.47	▼ -11.16	+16.0
21 Equity Residential	22,136	58.47	▼ -4.10	-27.8
22 Dover Corp	20,370	145.80	▼ -8.85	+.6
23 Baxter Intl	19,187	38.02	▼ -1.92	-49.7
24 Ventas Inc	17,863	44.66	▼ -3.85	-16.3
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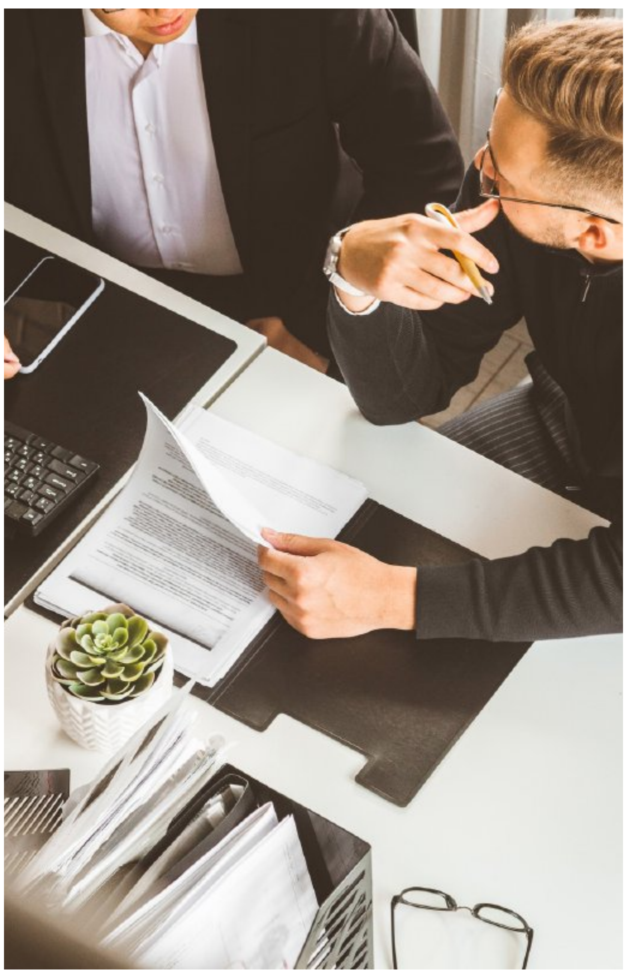

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Gen Z has a tech skills gap at work. Here's why.

By Shalene Gupta
Fast Company

According to a recent study by Dell, 37% of Gen Z said their education did not adequately prepare them with technology skills they would need for their job. Meanwhile, 44% said they only learned very basic computing skills. These results are particularly surprising given that Gen Z is the first generation to grow up fully immersed in computers and phones.

Fast Company spoke with Adam Garry, Dell's senior director of education strategy. Garry leads a team of Dell educators who partner with schools and universities to develop strategies for teaching technology skills in the classroom. He's also published two books. We asked him why so many members of Gen Z — the digital-native generation — feel technologically underprepared for the workforce, and what some possible solutions could be.

Fast Company: Why are we seeing this tech-education gap with Gen Z?
Adam Garry: If you think about it, there are two gaps. The first gap is with our schools. They are still very much designed the same way they were in the 1950s. There are bells signaling when classes are over. Classes are compartmentalized by subject instead of building on each other. It wasn't until COVID that each child had a device. One silver lining of the pandemic is we went from 55% of children having access to a computer to 98%.

Schools are now grappling with how to shift from an assessment model to a performance-based system, as well as how to teach digital literacy.

FC: What's digital literacy?
AG: It's being a savvy consumer of online material. First, being able to navigate the web and find the information you need, and using tools to collaborate and communicate. Second, it's also about how to understand and assess the information you find online: How reliable is it? What biases are there? This shouldn't just be the media specialist's job. It should be the job of every teacher because they are using tech in the classroom. But few people are teaching this.

FC: You mentioned there were two gaps: schools and what else?
AG: The second gap is employers. If you think about it, employers are behind, too. We focus on providing cool furniture and office spaces, but we aren't as creative about how to use technology as we could be. Few of us are creating video-based social media tools, even though 86% of the web is video.

Workspaces have been created by older generations, while Gen Z is on their phones using TikTok and Instagram.

Schools are trying to shift and build career academies, so kids can pick up the skills they need and get certified in topics like digital security. But it'll take a few years for those to come up.

FC: What kinds of solutions have you worked on?
AG: We're trying to help schools redefine professional learning so it's not four times a year, but four times a day. We're visiting classrooms to make sure educators have what they need, but it's going to take some time to bridge the gap.

Our team is unique because we have all taught in classrooms and worked for a business — usually you get one or the other, and this leads to gaps because people in business contexts don't understand the challenges teachers are facing, and teachers don't understand what employees need to function in an office setting.

FC: What's been effective?
AG: Recently, states have created a portrait of a graduate that looks at defining the skills and traits a student needs to succeed in a career and life, and moves to portfolio assessments instead of tests, allowing kids to demonstrate more of their skills. During COVID, companies did a lot around digital inclusion — how do you provide access to technology, as well as skill training and credentialing? There's definitely a lot of momentum.

FC: Anything else you'd like to add?
AG: Gen Z has done a good job of advocating for themselves. I do see the systems starting to change a bit. High schools are asking: How are we meeting the needs of kids since not everyone is going to college? How do we prepare them for work? Universities are realizing it's not always about a four-year degree — sometimes people want to come in and get some skills, and come out. I'm hopeful that we're going to have many more new structures and options for people to learn.

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Speaking out:

Public speaking less scary with preparedness, but not for everyone

Dreamstime

Once you share some good work-related advice with a coworker or across a conference room table, you're putting your information out there. "I was in a meeting once and I mentioned how I used LinkedIn to eliminate certain sales leads so I wouldn't waste my time on someone who would never close the deal," says Jon Anthony, a 38-year-old sales representative in Fresno, California. "It was probably bad advice anyway since you never really want to eliminate potential business but the VP of sales at the time loved it. He thought it was brilliant."

And then that VP did the worst thing ever, at least according to Anthony: "He asked me to present it at our next sales meeting, which would mean I'd have to get up in front of about 200 people," he says. "And as soon as he said it, I felt my stomach drop to my feet."

Anthony is one of the countless people across the country who suffer from glossophobia or the fear of public speaking. In fact, psychologists estimate that nearly 75 percent of the population has felt anxiety over being asked to speak in public while up to 10 percent find that it can be absolutely debilitating, according to Psycom, a website dedicated to sharing information and potential solutions for improving mental health.

Some of the signs of glossophobia include nausea, dry mouth, a feeling of panic, increased blood pressure, increased perspiration and stiffening of the upper back muscles. "I think I had all of those," says Anthony. "I'm pretty sure I went as white as a ghost."

Overcoming anxiety

Even though it sounds daunting, glossophobia is possible to overcome.

"Presentation anxiety is a quite common form of social anxiety," says Sharon Brennan, a clinical psychologist and psychoanalyst in New York. "With a supportive combination of dosing, practicing, validating, cognitive perspective taking and inner and relational encouragement, presentation anxiety can be significantly diminished."

In fact, getting over presentation anxiety is just a matter of choosing how you want to do it. There's a treatment for everyone, including breathing techniques, hypnosis, medication, professional counseling, life coaching, saying affirmations and practice.

"It does take a lot of practice," says Meredith Fit, a social worker based in Colorado Springs, Colorado. "And even then, you may not become a public speaker, or at least not a very good one."

And that's OK, says Fit. "We're all not good at everything and public speaking is an automatic trait," she says. "Especially after Covid, people are more apprehensive about being with others, much less speaking in front of them."

Fit says apprehensive public speakers should focus more on being prepared and focus less on worrying about what other people will think. "It's hard to do, I know, but that's one solution," she says. "Practice speaking in front of others to get over the fear and make sure you have something relevant to say — and start and finish strong."

Karen Leland, author of "Public Speaking In An Instant: 60 Ways To Stand Up and Be Heard" (Career Press, $11.99), says before you begin speaking in public, assess your audience as they "arrive." "If you take a few deep breaths and focus outward — give your own thoughts a break at this point — see the audience and focus on them," she says.

It's also important to stand up straight. Maintain a good posture and distribute your weight evenly on both feet. If you're sitting, sit toward the front of the chair and lean forward.

Mistakes happen

Fit says it's important to not beat yourself up if you stumble on a phrase, cough or lose track of your thoughts for a second or two. "It's completely normal. You have to trust your audience and know that if something does go wrong, your audience will barely notice," she says. "But if you lost it, if one or two mistakes start you down a path of sputtering and the cold sweats, they'll notice that."

If there's a lectern nearby, Fit says to use it. "You can hold on if you're shaking. It's also something to lean on when you feel nervous," she says. "And it's a good place to keep a bottle or glass of water, which could come in really handy when your mouth turns to cotton."

Finally, Fit says it's OK to emulate certain speaking styles but you shouldn't have to feel like you have to imitate someone. "Be yourself," Fit says. "If you're genuine, that goes a long way with your audience."

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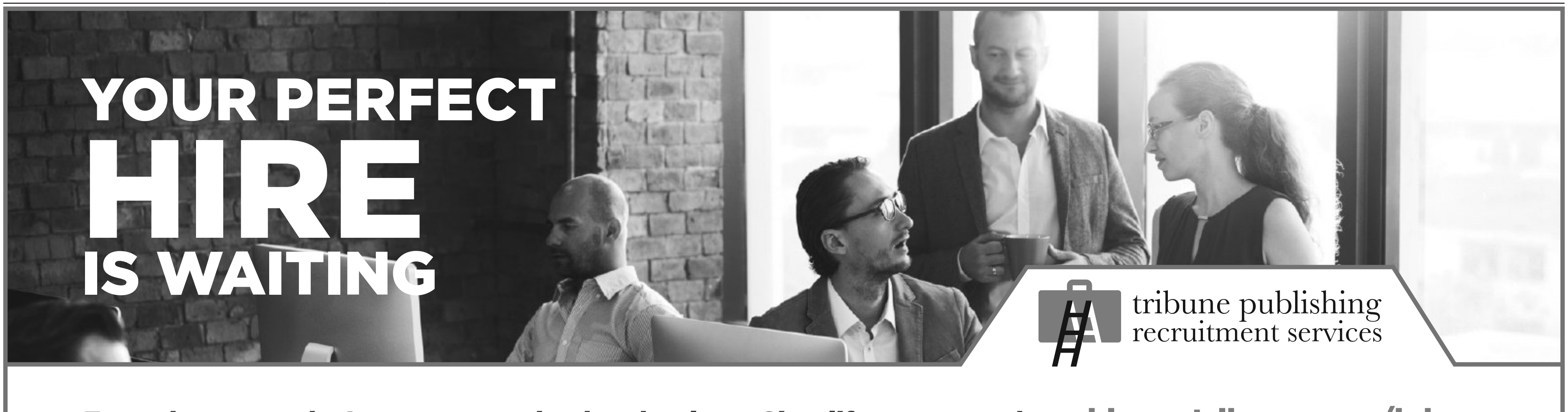

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Boss problems: Five steps on what to do when you don't like the new person in charge

At some point in your career, you're going to work for someone you don't like. And in some cases, that person will replace a boss that you probably liked, maybe even someone you liked a lot.

"It's just a natural thing. People are replaced," says James Trindle, a Chicago-based social worker who specializes in workplace relationships. "Any time you get a new boss, it can be hard on the employees who had developed a relationship with the previous person but it's important to remember that there will be co-workers who welcome the chance to work with someone new."

Trindle says the biggest issues stem from new bosses who have an aggressive style of management or those who have no desire to sit in the background until the company's comfort level turns to their favor. "People with larger-than-life personalities tend to attract relationships that are a lot like their own," says Trindle.

With a new boss, it's a good time to take a step back and look at how employees can learn to work for and with bosses they don't particularly like:

1. Remember, the job is king: Want to keep paying the mortgage? Then get over it. Your company has predetermined goals and needs that you'll have to continue to address. That's not saying a new boss won't come in and upset the apple cart a bit but until you know for sure, it's best to keep plugging away at your work. There will be plenty of time to play the role of an ornery employee later.

2. You won't always work for people you like: If you haven't worked for someone who isn't a particular favorite, then consider yourself lucky. Most workers can toil under a boss or manager that they disagree with for years and many of them do just fine financially, socially and even psychologically if they're able to keep their work life separate from their home life. While it's always nice to like your manager, we're talking about your boss here, not your husband, wife, mother, father or friend. Besides, everyone needs a few "bad boss" stories.

3. Stay neutral: Keep your opinions to yourself for the first few weeks. While there will be a certain degree of water-cooler talk, you'll never know who is on the ins and who is on the outs with the new regime. The last thing you want to do is badmouth your new boss to a person who is welcome to the change in management or is someone the new boss knows or trusts. Remember, people don't always let their co-workers know when they recommended a friend or previous co-worker for a position.

4. Be proactive. Don't wait for your new manager to come to you to find out about your million-dollar ideas. If you have a new boss, consider it a new opportunity to make some inroads within the company. The bottom line is that any boss, whether he or she has a combative personality or is the real-life version of Ned Flanders, wants to look good and wants to succeed. And just because you think your boss is a jerk doesn't mean he or she isn't smart. They have goals and you can play a small or large part in helping to achieve them.

5. Know when to cut your losses. Sometimes, you're just going to run into people who aren't particularly nice. And some of them may be vindictive, angry and potentially abusive. If you're dreading each workday, find a new job. If you're putting on weight and experiencing health issues, find a new job. While some people can compartmentalize work, others cannot. So if you find that you're miserable with your new supervisor, you should leave, even if it means leaving a job, a company and co-workers you love. And remember, don't be afraid to report harmful behavior to your HR department. Even if you're on the way out the door, your warnings may be helpful to others.

– Marco Buscaglia

On the hunt: 3 ways to sharpen your job search

If you've been on the job hunt for a while and don't seem to be making much headway, it might be time to finetune your approach. Here are three tips that will help you track down that job you want — or, at this point, that job you need:

1. Go to the source: If there's a specific company or organization you want to work for, be sure to regularly check their site. Numerous companies and nonprofits place their employment listings on their job sites first before moving them to the larger job sites. And don't think you have to wait for an ad; it never hurts to send a resume and letter of interest to the human resources department or the appropriate contact.

2. Go retro: It's likely you sent out a flood of resumes in the early part of your job search and received responses from — or maybe even interviewed with — a few hiring managers. Even if you weren't offered a gig, that doesn't mean these employers aren't interested in hiring you now, especially if you made it to the final round of the hiring process. Consider reaching out to firms you initially contacted to express your continued interest and to find out if new positions have opened up.

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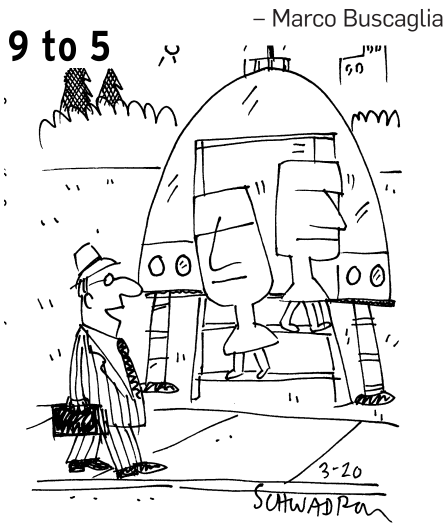
– Marco Buscaglia



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Emotional rescue: Staying calm when laid off can have long-term benefits

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Avoid showing emotion: Anger or tears may be quick to well up once you hear the news, but experts recommend controlling outbursts. Do yourself a favor by not reacting rudely or with emotions that everyone will remember. You don't want to become part of your company's folklore so keep a cool head.

Talk a walk: If you have a few days in the office to tie up loose ends, take a walk around the block or go to the lobby — anything to get away from your desk for a few minutes. If possible, do something physical, like a brisk walk, before returning to the office.

Be efficient: If you're told to leave immediately, pack your desk up as quickly and as efficiently as possible. You can save your long farewells for later but it's OK to say goodbye to others on your way out, just don't take a lap around the entire company.

Take notes: You'll want to remember the exact circumstances when you were let go — who told you, what they said, how they treated you and any other details that may be pertinent later.

Correct a bad reaction: Being able to actually manage your reaction in the heat of the moment may prove difficult so if you had an angry reaction or burst into tears, you can still save your final moments at work. If you were less than graceful when you heard the news, make amends immediately by apologizing to the people you may have offended with your negative reaction. You'll want to clarify that an outburst wasn't directed at them personally but rather was a result of how you felt upon receiving the news.

Collect all relevant information: You'll be filing a lot of paperwork to get your unemployment benefits, 401(k) information and health insurance (COBRA) benefits in line. Make sure you know who the contact at your organization is for each of these things to help make your transition smoother.

– Marco Buscaglia

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Cook County 2021 Annual Action Plan Amendment HUD Entitlement Grant Funds /HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Public Hearing and Public Comment Notice

Draft Substantial Amendments to the 2021 Annual Action Plan/HOME-ARP Allocation Plan
The Cook County Department of Planning and Development (CCDPD) within the Bureau of Economic Development is accepting public comments regarding its Draft Substantial Amendment to its 2021 Annual Action Plan, and the completion of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan which proposed new HOME-ARP funded activities to better meet community development needs in suburban Cook County.

Applicable Public Comment Period: 15 Days – **March 12th, 2023 – March 27th, 2023**

Public Comment Opportunities
An important part of the process of developing a Substantial Amendment is to promote citizen participation and solicit input. The Draft Substantial Amendment to the 2021 Annual Action Plan/ HOME-ARP Allocation Plan may be reviewed on-line at the Cook County website during the applicable public comment period specified above at this link:
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All interested parties are encouraged to provide written comments. Written comments for the Draft Substantial Amendment to the 2021 Annual Action Plan/ HOME- ARP Allocation Plan are being accepted during the applicable public comment period specified above and must be received by 4 p.m. on the last day of the aforementioned public comment period in order to receive consideration. Written comments must be directed to Karl Bradley, Deputy Director, Cook County Department of Planning and Development, 69 West Washington, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60602, Karl.Bradley@cookcountyil.gov.

Public Hearing Invite
An important part of the process of developing a Draft Substantial Amendment to the 2021 Annual Action Plan/ HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is to promote citizen participation and solicit input. In addition to submitted public comments, Cook County is inviting the Public to attend either or both of the Microsoft Teams virtual public hearings below:

March 16th, 2023 at 10:30 am – 11:30 am Public Hearing # 1 Details regarding the Draft Substantial Amendment to the 2021 Annual Action Plan/HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be presented. The public is invited to ask questions and submit comments on the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan which amends the 2021 Annual Action Plan. To attend the Public Hearing, please dial 1-872-215-6022 and enter Phone Conference ID 470554806#.

March 22nd, 2023 at 8:00 am – 9:30 am Public Hearing # 2 Details regarding the Draft Substantial Amendment to the 2021 Annual Action Plan/ HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be presented to the Cook County Economic Development Advisory Committee. The public is invited to ask questions and submit public comments. To attend the public hearing, please dial 1-872-215-6022 and enter Phone Conference ID 557622737#.

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CHICAGO SPORTS

Panthers wide receiver D.J. Moore runs with the ball after making a reception against the Bengals on Nov. 6 in Cincinnati. **JOSHUA A. BICKEL/AP**

It's only just begun

Poles checked a big box on the offseason list with his bold trade, but plenty of hard work is still ahead

Dan Wiederer
On the Bears

From the very beginning Ryan Poles has understood that this is all a process, a methodical grind to, in his words, "stair-step this thing" back to a point where the Bears cannot only experience meaningful success again but sustain it.

Through that lens, Poles has never sought shortcuts or tried to unearth some secret potion that could magically revitalize one of the NFL's worst rosters with a snap of the fingers.

Instead, Poles has adopted a brick-by-brick approach to rebuilding the Bears, which is why he stood in front of an all-staff meeting before last season and handed out tiny blue Lego blocks emblazoned with the Bears name. Each block was a symbol for the philosophy the new general manager wanted everyone inside Halas Hall to embrace.

"I talked about the entire organization doing what it takes to stick together," Poles explained in January. "Because I knew how important it was to build a foundation that was rock solid (where) this wasn't on something that was shaky and that would fracture."

Poles was excited by the immediate buy-in from throughout the building and remained encouraged even as the Bears nosedived to a historically bad season in 2022. He had — and will always have — one eye looking into the future.

And when a 3-14 campaign finished with 10 consecutive losses, Poles remained convinced the franchise's rebound was about to begin.

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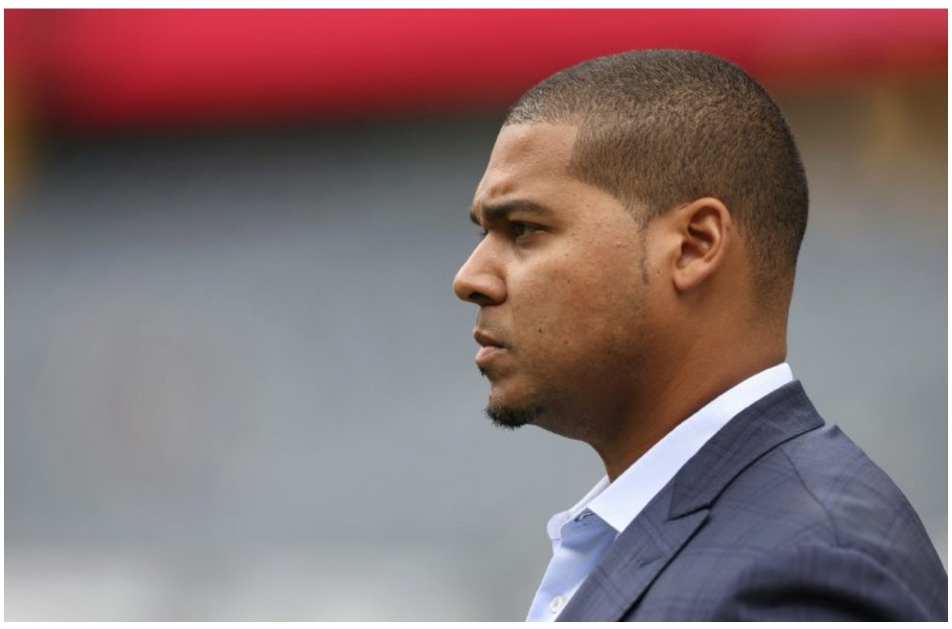

Bears general manager Ryan Poles watches warmups for a game against the Texans on Sept. 25 at Soldier Field. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

BULLS

Caruso gets 'energy' from synergy with Beverley

By Julia Poe | Chicago Tribune

HOUSTON — The Bulls are starting small to close the regular season — and it's exactly the style of play that defensive specialist Alex Caruso prefers.

Caruso moved into a smaller starting lineup after the Bulls signed fellow defensive guard Patrick Beverley on Feb. 21. The pair displaced second-year point guard Ayo Dosunmu and third-year power forward Patrick Williams, who held down a lengthier starting lineup for the opening two-thirds of the season.

The Bulls need energy down the stretch. Their 119-111 victory against the Houston Rockets on Saturday night moved them into the 10th spot in the Eastern Conference — good for the last spot in the play-in tournament. It's about more than just improving their shot and winning games over beatable opponents — the main inconsistency for

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BIG TEN TOURNAMENT
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Saturday's semifinals
(1) Purdue 80, (13) Ohio State 66
(10) Penn State 77, (3) Indiana 73
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(1) Purdue vs. (10) Penn State, 2:30 p.m.
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ABOVE: Purdue guard Brandon Newman celebrates after Saturday's win against Ohio State. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

A kinder, gentler Big Ten?

What we've learned from the 1st 4 days of the tournament

Paul Sullivan
In the Wake of the News

After a hard-fought upset of Illinois on Thursday in the second round of the Big Ten Tournament, Penn State coach Micah Shrewsberry was asked to give his opening statement.

"First of all, hats off to Illinois," Shrewsberry said. "They're a hard team to play against."

Not to be outdone, Illini coach Brad Underwood gave credit to the Nittany Lions for a job well done during his opening remarks.

"My hat's off to Penn State," Underwood said. "They beat us three times, so we obviously haven't figured out what the sauce is to beat them."

Twenty-four hours later, after Penn State

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Team	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
BULLS				SAC 7 p.m. | NBCSCH	
BLACKHAWKS			BOS 7:30 p.m. | NBCSCH		@NAS 7 p.m. | Hulu, ESPN+
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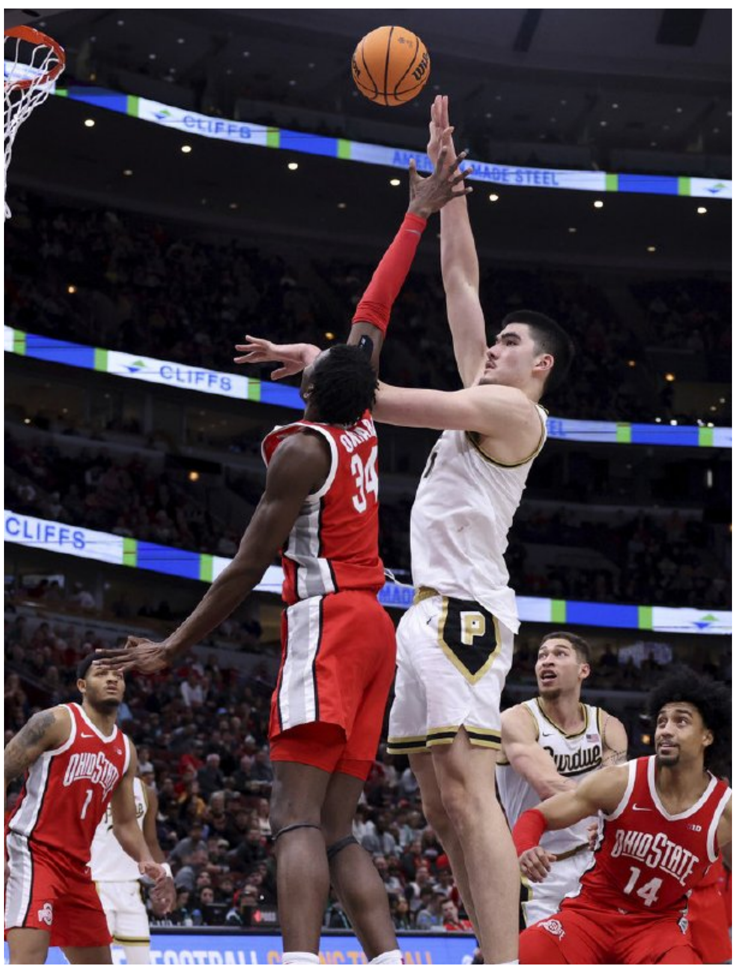
BIG TEN TOURNAMENT SEMIFINALS

Boilermakers roll on

Purdue pounds Ohio State, advances to final against Penn State

By Paul Sullivan
Chicago Tribune



Purdue center Zach Edey shoots over Ohio State center Felix Okpara in the second half of a Big Ten Tournament semifinal Saturday at the United Center. Edey had 32 points and 14 rebounds in the Boilermakers' 80-66 win. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

The Big Ten Conference hasn't won an NCAA Tournament title since Michigan State in 2000, but Purdue looked capable of breaking through early this season, spending several weeks as the nation's top-ranked team.

If anyone could end the Big Ten drought, the thinking was Matt Painter's Boilermakers would be the ones to do it.

National Player of the Year favorite Zach Edey has been unstoppable at times, and Purdue has enough complementary perimeter players to pick up the slack when Edey is having a subpar night.

After beating 13th-seeded Ohio State 80-66 on Saturday in the Big Ten Tournament semifinals, the Boilermakers still have an outside chance at a top seed in the NCAA Tournament and will do no worse than a No. 2 no matter what happens Sunday in the tournament championship game against No. 10 seed Penn State, which continued its tournament run with a 77-73 win over No. 3 Indiana.

"Everybody always talks about getting to a Final Four, getting to an Elite Eight, winning a national championship," Painter said. "Better win your first game, and then if you're fortunate enough to do that, better win your second game. There are steps to everything. Anybody can beat you, yet you can't fear anybody."

But there's something about the Boilermakers that invites skepticism.

Some wonder whether Edey's supporting cast is strong enough or whether Edey's hook shot is reliable enough for a 7-4 center who looks as if he should be dunking with more regularity. Then there's that bugaboo of Purdue's uneven history, including their many tournament disappointments.

Last year they finished the season No. 1 in the polls for the first time in history but lost in the Sweet Sixteen to St. Peter's, the first team to advance to the Elite Eight as a No. 15 seed.

All those questions won't be answered until the tournament, when Purdue goes in search of its first national championship. Until then, it's just a very good team that's capable of very big things with a very large man in the middle.

But that's something to think about after Sunday's Big Ten final against Penn State.

Saturday's win was a blueprint for the kind of game Purdue must play if it hopes to make history in the NCAAs.

Edey scored 32 points on 12-for-25 shooting and hauled in 14 rebounds as the Boilermakers capitalized on the undersized Buckeyes, who had one available center, and pulled away in the second half. The lack of double-teaming on Edey made his job easier.

"It definitely makes the game pretty simple for me," Edey said. "I try to score the ball every time I touch it. There was a point halfway through the first half where one of our coaches said 'I guess it's one of those days when you've got to get 30.' So I kind of stuck with it."

Typically Edey is doubled and swarmed every time he touches the ball. He has good mobility and a decent touch that could still use improvement.

"He has a really good nose for the basketball and he's different than most people his size in the fact he can rebound out of his area, then he can give multiple efforts," Painter said. "A lot of times guys that are that big, they can make the play, but then they can't make the next play.

"He just kind of stays with it. Not all the time, because he gets stuck sometimes, especially when he gets sandwiched down there."

When the Boilermakers get some outside shooting, they can blow teams away in stretches. Guards Braden Smith and Brandon Newman combined for 29 points on 10-for-12 shooting, and Purdue connected on 47% (7-for-15) of its 3-point attempts.

The scrappy, young Buckeyes and their freshman-dominated rotation won't get an NCAA Tournament invite, but they showed the last four days they're on par with any Big Ten team outside the state of Indiana.

"Some people got their licks on them this year," Painter said. "But that's going to come to a screeching halt. They have a very, very good young nucleus."

The Boilermakers next face an old friend in Penn State coach Micah Shrewsberry, a former assistant under Painter at Purdue.

"I always want to see him win, unless it's against us, because he helped me so much my freshman year," Edey said.

Added Painter: "Zach said it best, we root for Micah. Obviously we don't root for him when they play Purdue, but he's meant a lot to our program in two different stints as an assistant. He's grown our program. He's been a part of it, making us better, and we learned a lot from him."

The Boilermakers handled Penn State twice during conference play, but after winning five of their final six Big Ten games and pulling off upsets against Illinois, Northwestern and Indiana, the Nittany Lions are riding a wave that no one could have foreseen a month ago.

Sullivan

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shocked second-seeded Northwestern in overtime in the quarterfinals, Shrewsberry lauded the Wildcats' effort.

"Again, like my hat's off to Northwestern," he said. "They've had an unbelievable season. It's not over for them."

If there is one thing we've learned from the first four days of the Big Ten Tournament it's that a lot of hats have been tipped. In all honesty I haven't seen a single coach wearing a fedora, baseball cap or even a toque, but the doffing of chapeaus appears to be commonplace.

It makes one miss the olden days when Illinois coach Lou Henson called Indiana's Bobby Knight a bully.

But it's a kindler, gentler Big Ten now, and after 12 tournament games, a slew of upsets and a dozen or so renditions of "Seven Nation Army" by the college bands, here are five other things we've learned from the first four days at the United Center.

1. Smartphones are bad: The Fab Five didn't need Twitter, texts from friends or kenpom.com rankings to know how good they were. Michigan coach Juwan Howard, a Fab Five alumnus and Chicago native, lamented that today's players head into March knowing exactly where they stand, thanks to those ubiquitous phones.

"This world is surrounded by so much information, and the information can be delivered to you instantly," Howard said Thursday after his bubble team lost in the second round to Rutgers. "I call it a microwave world because not only is there so much information out there, our young men are able to see it, read it, and they understand the magnitude of this game.

"And they've heard it so many times from media or social media how every game's important, what lies on it and what your fate would look like if you can move forward to advance to the NCAA Tournament."

Rutgers coach Steve Pikiell is so anti-smartphone he recently destroyed his in front of his players to make a point.

"He wants us to throw them away," Rutgers guard Caleb McConnell told reporters. "If you have any cellphones in here, I advise you not to pull them out around him because he might smash yours."

Fortunately, Pikiell restrained himself. But he claimed the problem with phones is that "people tell (the players) how great they are when we win, tell them how bad they are (when they don't). ... The phones don't help them be better players. They don't help them."

2. Columbus is not Tom Izzo's kind of town: Michigan State and coach Tom Izzo lost to upstart Ohio State on Friday and proceeded to criticize an unnamed reporter from Columbus, Ohio, who apparently criticized his friend, Buckeyes coach Chris Holtmann.

Michigan coach Juwan Howard directs his team on Thursday at the United Center. **ERIN HOOLEY/AP**

"I'm giving (the Buckeyes) a lot of credit, so make sure you guys from Columbus, especially my buddy back home, understand they still made some shots from heaven, and that's kind of what happens," Izzo said.

He continued ranting later, saying: "I give (Holtmann) a lot of credit because I know what it's like in Columbus. It's not as bad there in basketball as it is in football, but I know what it's like."

If the NCAA selection committee has a sense of humor, it would send Michigan State to the Columbus, Ohio, region.

3. The Big Ten schedule is a grind: The Big Ten ranks third in the NCAA behind the Big 12 and the SEC. Yet every coach maintains it's the toughest conference to get through.

"It's fun, but it's a grind," Northwestern coach Chris Collins said. "The level of competition, the physicality, the coaches you face, the players you face. I think it's going to be exciting for all of us as Big Ten teams — nine, 10 (or how many team) get in — to kind of say, 'You know what, let's put the Big Ten on the back burner and let's go out and see if we can make some noise against the rest of the nation.' "

Underwood added that the NCAA Tournament also is a "grind," saying "you've got to have guys who can make baskets."

That certainly would help the Illini.

Either way, Underwood is thankful Illinois won't have to face a Big Ten team in their first game.

"We'll give it a whirl next week, wherever they tell us (to play), and against somebody that's not in the Big Ten," he said.

4. Being on the NCAA bubble is hard: With Wisconsin on the bubble, coach Greg Gard wasn't sure if the Badgers would be invited to the Big Dance.

"I'm not a bracketologist," Gard said. "You can look around and find differing opinions. If we are, we'll get ready to go and do that, and if we're not, we've had a lot of opportunities to put ourselves in position."

Consensus opinion is they won't get in.

5. Every Big Ten team has gone through some adversity. Everyone is beatable and has had a tough stretch of games, leading to media and fan skepticism. How did the coaches get over the criticism and mistakes and keep their players positive? Only one had a unique solution.

"Smashed the phones," Pikiell said.

BOYS BASKETBALL 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Simeon falls short in final

Griffith nearly sends coach Smith into retirement with another state title as Wolverines lose in OT

By Steve Millar
For Daily Southtown

Simeon's Jalen Griffith (2) puts up a shot over Metamora's Tyler Mason during the Class 3A state championship game Saturday at the State Farm Center in Champaign. **ROB DICKER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

CHAMPAIGN — Again and again, Jalen Griffith gave Simeon a lift just when one was needed.

Griffith hit big shot after big shot Saturday night as he tried to lead the Wolverines to a Class 3A state championship and send retiring coach Robert Smith out on top.

"I just knew it was our last high school game, and I just wanted to go out there and give it my all," Griffith said.

Griffith, a Jacksonville recruit, scored 15 points, but it wasn't quite enough. Metamora thwarted Simeon's title hopes for the second straight season and spoiled Smith's going-away party, winning its first state championship with a 46-42 overtime victory at the University of Illinois' State Farm Center.

Smith ends a 19-year career with a 512-89 record and six state championships, the most of any boys basketball coach in Illinois history.

Smith, who also led Simeon to eight city titles, said he could not have imagined such a legendary career when he took over as coach in 2004.

"This is not what I saw at all," he said. "I had a vision that I could do something like this. But this is solely from God. It's been a great run. I appreciate everything. I appreciate the parents who trusted me with their kids.

"When I look back at this in two weeks or three weeks, it's going to be something different. Right now, I'm just in the moment. I haven't even thought about any of this right now."

Loyola recruit Miles Rubin finished with 12 points and seven rebounds for Simeon (32-4), while his twin brother Wesley — a Northern Iowa recruit — had seven points.

Tyson Swanson led Metamora (34-2) with 20 points, and Tyler Mason scored 16.

The Redbirds beat Simeon 50-47 in a state semifinal last season before falling to Sacred Heart-Griffin in double overtime in the championship game.

Metamora coach Danny Grieves praised Smith after the two shared a moment following the game.

"What a class act," Grieves said. "He's kind of the dean of coaches in the state of Illinois. The respect that I have for him, it meant the world for him to come out and congratulate me. He's the guy.

"I hate to see him go out on a loss, but I sure didn't want him to go out on a win."

Griffith's jumper with 70 seconds left in overtime pulled Simeon within 42-40.

The Wolverines, though, missed on two good looks on their next possession, and Mason hit two free throws to stretch Metamora's lead back to four with 10.8 seconds left, ensuring Griffith's jumper in the final seconds would not be enough.

Griffith leaves Simeon with two state trophies but not satisfied.

"It's not what I wanted," he said. "I wanted way more, and I had the opportunity to do that, and I just felt like I came up short."

Smith could only tip his cap to the Redbirds.

"I told our guys in the locker room that they don't have any reason to hold their heads down," Smith said. "I understand they wanted to win. I'm sure they probably didn't want to win it more than I did.

"But I applaud their effort all season. It was a great game to be in just like last year. Metamora is a great team, and you can't take anything away from them."

Mike Tauchman scores from third on a wild pitch in the second inning of the Cubs' 9-4 Cactus League loss to the Dodgers on Feb. 23 at Camelback Ranch in Glendale, Arizona. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

CUBS

No place like home

Chicago-area natives Tauchman, Borucki eyeing roster spots

By Meghan Montemurro
Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Mike Tauchman's big-league career has taken him coast to coast.

Five major-league seasons with three teams has brought him to 24 major-league ballparks. One in particular, though, has eluded him.

Tauchman is trying to rectify the Wrigley Field omission in the next month. For the Palatine native who grew up a Cubs fan, his opportunity to make the opening-day roster grew exponentially when the team lost right fielder Seiya Suzuki for the start of the season because of an oblique injury.

Tauchman, 32, homered in Saturday's 5-2 win against the Los Angeles Dodgers, improving to 7-for-21 (.333) this spring with three extra-base hits, two RBIs, six runs scored and three stolen bases in 10 games.

Cubs left-hander Ryan Borucki delivers against the White Sox during a Cactus League game on Friday in Mesa, Arizona. **MATT YORK/AP**

"Everybody wants to have a great spring, but there's obviously a bigger picture," Tauchman told the Tribune on Saturday. "I want to come in, try to show my skill set, show everybody what you can do because you watch on TV or you hear about it, but you always want to make a good impression. So I feel good with where I'm at."

Two stalls to the right of Tauchman's in the Cubs spring clubhouse resides lefty reliever Ryan Borucki, a Mundelein High School graduate whose quest to open the season in Chicago comes after a stress reaction in his arm prematurely ended his 2022 season with the Seattle Mariners.

Borucki, 28, has struck out seven and walked one batter in 4 ⅓ innings this spring; two of his three runs allowed came in his outing Friday against the White Sox. It marked only the fourth time he has thrown in a game since Aug. 8.

Borucki took it slow in the offseason as he worked back from his injury and started his throwing program a couple weeks behind his usual schedule.

"My arm is really bouncing back well, which is my No. 1 priority," Borucki told the Tribune on Saturday. "Obviously I'm competing for a job. I want to show the best version. I know there's going to be some bumps in the road, but I'm going out there to compete for a job. My biggest thing is making sure I'm feeling good."

In the last 30 years, 35 Illinois-born players have appeared in a game for the Cubs, according to team historian Ed Hartig. Tauchman and Borucki, non-roster invitees, are vying to be the next.

"This is the team I grew up cheering for, so feeling like there might be an opportunity here was something that was too good to pass up," Tauchman said. "It would be special."

Borucki offered a sly smile when asked whether he rooted for the Cubs or Sox as a kid.

"I'll plead the fifth on that one," he replied. "As anyone in Chicago knows, it's a Cubs city, so this is definitely the team to play for in Chicago because the fan base is crazy.

"I was a White Sox fan growing up — '05 was a great time — but since then it's been Cubs fans all around as a North Side suburbs guy. … The passion and just how much this team means to so many people in this city, it's like, how can you not want to be part of this?"

As Tauchman and Borucki focus on building their case to break camp with the team in 3 ½ weeks, their Chicago-area roots connect them in another way: They are die-hard Bears fans.

"I don't miss a game," Borucki said. "I've watched the Bears at a wedding before."

The Bears' trade Friday of the No. 1 pick to the Carolina Panthers, which netted them pick No. 9, pick No. 61, a 2024 first-round pick, 2025 second-round pick and wide receiver D.J. Moore, earned positive reviews from both players.

"There was like a month stretch when Justin Fields was the best player in the NFL last year, I thought — I had him on my fantasy team too, and it was awesome," Tauchman said. "It's exciting. … Obviously Sundays are more fun when the Bears are good, so it seems like they have a plan."

Tauchman wants to see the Bears continue to add more weapons for Fields after getting Moore to be their new No. 1 receiver.

Borucki fired off texts to friends and family after hearing of the trade. He's a big Moore fan and hopeful Bears general manager Ryan Poles can follow the move with a strong draft. Borucki joked that he has trust issues after seeing how previous Bears GMs' trades have fared.

"But this one seems like it's pretty good with everything I've been reading," Borucki said. "Everybody says we've won the trade so … now it's up to Justin Fields. Let's see if he can really show he can throw the ball. We all know he's a really great runner."

WHITE SOX TAKEAWAYS

Burger stays hot, hits two more home runs

By LaMond Pope
Chicago Tribune

PEORIA, Ariz. — Jake Burger slugged two home runs for the White Sox in a 6-5 Cactus League loss to the San Diego Padres on Saturday at the Peoria Sports Complex.

Burger hit a two-run homer in the fourth and a solo shot in the eighth. He has four home runs and six RBIs this spring.

Oscar Colás hit his first homer of the spring, a towering blast to right, as a pinch hitter in the ninth.

"It was special," Colás said through an interpreter. "I wasn't looking for homers before, it just happened this time."

Colás, vying for a roster spot and competing for the opening in right field, is hitting .407. The Sox have shown their power recently with 12 homers in their last 11 Cactus League games.

Here are three more takeaways from Saturday at Sox camp.

1. Pedro Grifol sees the rotation as a team strengths: The rookie manager likes how his rotation stacks up.

"History says if you have a good starting rotation, good things should happen," he said Saturday morning. "We have a good starting rotation, so it's obviously a strength of this ballclub."

The group includes Dylan Cease, Lucas Giolito, Lance Lynn, Michael Kopech and Mike Clevinger.

"I feel all five guys are legitimate major-league starters that can do a lot of good things and have done good things in the game," Grifol said. "And they're more than capable of going deep in games. And familiarity, even though it's a big factor in the game, they've proven they can handle familiarity over the years."

Grifol got his first look at Clevinger in a Cactus League game. The right-hander allowed two runs on four hits and struck out four in 2⅔ innings against his former team.

"The more times you get out there, the more I'm going to get synced up with (catcher Yasmani Grandal) back there, and there was some good stuff," Clevinger said. "Metrics on the stuff is really good. It's just about sequencing and getting more reps."

He had previously pitched two innings in a B game March 5 against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Before the game, Grifol said of Clevinger's spring work: "He's been there before, he's done it, he knows how to navigate 162 (games), he knows how to navigate 30-plus starts, he's healthy, he feels good, he's strong. I'm curious to see over the course of the year coming back from the (Tommy John surgery) a couple years ago how it plays out, but right now he's as strong and as good as I've ever seen him and I saw him in Cleveland (from 2016-20)."

2. 3B prospect Bryan Ramos continues to show strides: Ramos is always thinking "make good contact."

The third baseman connected for a two-run homer in the fifth inning of Friday's 4-3 victory against the Cubs at Sloan Park.

"I'm not looking for a homer," Ramos said Saturday morning. "That just happened. I was pretty comfortable with that pitch. I was on time."

Ramos, the No. 3 prospect in the Sox organization according to MLB.com, has five RBIs this spring.

"He's got all the tools to play up here and he's young (turning 21 on Sunday)," Grifol said. "Let's just continue his development now and getting him comfortable to this speed and the details to the game up here."

He went 0-for-2 with a walk Saturday and is hitting .386. Added to the 40-man roster last fall, Ramos is learning with each day.

"There's always something new to work out and keep improving myself as a player," he said.

3. A healthy Joe Kelly is pitching with a purpose: Kelly allowed one hit and had one strikeout in a scoreless inning Saturday. Last month, the reliever described being healthy at the start of camp as "game-changing."

Saturday was his third outing of the spring. He has allowed one run on three hits and has two strikeouts in three innings.

"It's been a while (2020) since I played in these things with a purpose, especially getting ready for the season," Kelly said. "Usually my purpose is to throw to join the team at some point the last couple of years.

"Now (I'm) trying to get everything a little bit more sharp. I feel like my body's there. Just time everything up a little better."

Kelly has liked how the bullpen has progressed this spring.

"Everyone looking sharp and crisp," he said.

White Sox starter Mike Clevinger delivers during the second inning of a Cactus League game against the Padres on Saturday in Peoria, Arizona. **JOHN E. MOORE III/GETTY**

Bulls

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this team has always come down to effort.

"I like it just because I get to have a little impact right away on the game," Caruso said. "I'm able to set the tone in that way."

It's rare for defensive specialists such as Caruso and Beverley to play on the court at the same time as a player so uniquely similar to themselves.

Both are used to being the singular risk taker, leaping into passing lanes and poking the ball out of opponents' hands. This aggressiveness is typically balanced by the more conservative defense from their teammates, which prevents those risks from becoming full-blown errors.

But Caruso said the dynamic is even more interesting when he's on the court with Beverley. Both constantly track one another on defense, preparing to cover quickly when the other jumps on a mishandled ball or a lackluster pass.

Caruso said the connection was immediate, allowing both players to adapt and react to each other's risk-taking.

"That's the fun part," he said. "We're both good at covering up mistakes. It really bodes well for us because we both do a lot of the same stuff on that end. We play with a lot of energy and a lot of hustle and little things like that don't turn into big things with easy points for the other team. For me, it's been pretty easy finding his rhythm and then playing off him and then vice versa."

The effect has been obvious. In the third quarter of Beverley's home debut against the Brooklyn Nets, the Bulls defense swarmed across half court, forcing their flustered opponent into a shot-clock violation. As the buzzer sounded, Caruso bounded off the court, clenching his fists as he tipped his head back and let out a scream.

When he turned back to the court, Beverley was the first player to greet him, and they crashed their chests as they grinned and shouted praise to one another.

The Bulls need energy down the stretch. They entered their game against the Houston Rockets on Saturday night a half-game behind the Washington Wizards for the No. 10 spot in the Eastern Conference. It's about more than just improving their shot and winning games over beatable opponents — the main inconsistency for this team has always come down to effort.

As they continue to tiptoe along the bubble for play-in contention, the future remains tenuous for the team's postseason hopes. But Caruso feels his connection with Beverley is one key to jump-starting the Bulls.

"We've been able to collaborate from the start," Caruso said. "He plays with that kind of infectious energy that I like to play with, so we've just leaned on each other in our energy and our pace. It gives me energy to be able to go out there and play well."

Bulls guard Alex Caruso yells after being fouled during the first quarter against the Pacers on March 5 at the United Center. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	47	21	.691	—
Philadelphia	44	22	.667	2
Brooklyn	38	29	.567	8½
New York	39	30	.565	8½
Toronto	32	36	.471	15

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	36	33	.522	—
Atlanta	34	34	.500	1½
Washington	31	36	.463	4
Orlando	28	40	.412	7½
Charlotte	22	47	.319	14

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	48	19	.716	—
Cleveland	42	27	.609	7
Chicago	31	36	.463	17
Indiana	31	37	.456	17½
Detroit	15	53	.221	33½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Memphis	40	26	.606	—
Dallas	34	34	.500	7
New Orleans	32	34	.485	8
San Antonio	17	49	.258	23
Houston	15	52	.224	25½

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	46	21	.687	—
Minnesota	34	34	.500	12½
Utah	33	35	.485	13½
Oklahoma City	31	35	.470	14½
Portland	31	36	.463	15

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Sacramento	39	26	.600	—
Phoenix	37	29	.561	2½
L.A. Clippers	36	33	.522	5
Golden State	35	33	.515	5 ½
L.A. Lakers	33	34	.493	7

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
L.A. Clippers 106, New York 95
Boston 134, Atlanta 125
Indiana 121, Detroit 115
Orlando 126, Miami 114, OT
Utah 119, Charlotte 111
Chicago 119, Houston 111
Memphis 112, Dallas 108
Golden State 125, Milwaukee 116, OT
Oklahoma City at New Orleans, late
Sacramento at Phoenix, late

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Brooklyn at Denver, 2:30p.m.
Cleveland at Charlotte, 4p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 5p.m.
Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 6p.m.
Portland at New Orleans, 6p.m.
New York at L.A. Lakers, 8p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
Indiana at Detroit, 6p.m.
Memphis at Dallas, 6:30p.m.
Minnesota at Atlanta, 6:30p.m.
Utah at Miami, 6:30p.m.
Boston at Houston, 7p.m.
Milwaukee at Sacramento, 9p.m.
Phoenix at Golden State, 9p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Philadelphia 120, Portland 119
Atlanta 114, Washington 107
San Antonio 128, Denver 120
Miami 119, Cleveland 115
Brooklyn 124, Minnesota 123, OT
L.A. Lakers 122, Toronto 112

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
Atlanta	2	0	1	7	6	2
Cincinnati	2	0	1	7	3	1
New England	2	0	0	6	4	0
Nashville	2	0	1	6	4	0
Inter Miami CF	2	1	0	6	4	1
Philadelphia	2	1	0	6	5	3
Orlando City	1	0	2	5	2	1
Columbus	1	1	1	4	4	5
D.C. United	1	1	1	4	4	5
New York City FC	1	1	1	4	2	3
New York	0	1	2	2	1	2
Toronto FC	0	1	2	2	4	5
Chicago	0	1	1	1	1	2
CF Montréal	0	3	0	0	0	3
Charlotte FC	0	3	0	0	1	7
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Seattle	2	1	0	6	6	1
Saint Louis City SC	2	0	0	6	6	3
FC Dallas	1	1	1	4	4	3
Los Angeles FC	1	0	0	3	3	2
Minnesota United	1	0	1	4	2	1
Austin FC	1	1	0	3	3	3
Portland	1	1	0	3	3	3
San Jose	1	1	0	3	3	3
Real Salt Lake	1	1	0	3	2	3
Sporting KC	0	1	2	2	0	1
Vancouver	0	2	1	1	3	5
Colorado	0	1	1	1	0	4
LA Galaxy	0	1	1	1	1	3
Houston	0	2	0	0	1	5

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
FC Dallas 1, Vancouver 1
Cincinnati 1, Seattle 0
Orlando City 1, D.C. United 1
New York City FC 1, Miami 0
Philadelphia 1, Chicago 0
Columbus 1, Toronto FC 1
LA Galaxy 0, Sporting KC 0
Nashville 2, CF Montréal 0
New York 1, Minnesota 1
Austin FC at Real Salt Lake, late
Saint Louis City SC at Portland, late
Colorado at San Jose, late

SUNDAY'S MATCH
New England at Los Angeles FC, 10:30 p.m.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Arsenal	26	20	3	3	59	25	63
Man City	27	19	4	4	67	25	61
Man United	25	15	4	6	41	35	49
Tottenham	27	15	3	9	49	37	48
Liverpool	26	12	6	8	47	29	42
Newcastle	24	10	11	3	35	17	41
Brighton	24	11	6	7	45	31	39
Fulham	26	11	6	9	38	34	39
Brentford	25	9	11	5	40	33	38
Chelsea	26	10	7	9	27	26	37
Aston Villa	25	10	4	11	31	38	34
Crystal Palace	26	6	9	11	21	33	27
Wolverhampton	26	7	6	13	19	35	27
Notting. Forest	26	6	8	12	21	47	26
Everton	27	6	7	14	20	38	25
Leicester	26	7	3	16	37	46	24
Bournemouth	26	6	6	14	25	51	24
West Ham	25	6	5	14	23	33	23
Leeds	26	5	8	13	31	42	23
Southampton	25	6	3	16	20	41	21

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Bournemouth 1, Liverpool 0
Everton 1, Brentford 0
Leeds 2, Brighton 2
Chelsea 3, Leicester 1
Tottenham 3, Notting. Forest 1
Man City 1, Crystal Palace 0

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Fulham vs. Arsenal, 9a.m.
West Ham vs. Aston Villa, 9a.m.
Man United vs. Southampton, 9a.m.
Newcastle vs. Wolverhampton, 11:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES
Brighton vs. Crystal Palace, 2:30p.m.
Southampton vs. Brentford, 2:30p.m.

FRIDAY'S MATCH
Nottingham Forest vs. Newcastle, 3p.m.

XFL FOOTBALL

NORTH	W	L	PCT	PF	PA
DC	2	0	1.000	40	24
St. Louis	2	0	1.000	38	33
Seattle	1	2	.333	66	68
Vegas	0	3	.000	52	70
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Houston	4	0	1.000	122	55
Arlington	1	1	.500	36	43
San Antonio	1	2	.333	58	52
Orlando	0	3	.000	40	107

WEEK 4

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Houston 44, Orlando 16
San Antonio at Seattle, late

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Arlington at St. Louis, 3p.m.
Vegas at DC, 6p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Boston	64	50	9	5	105	242	137
Toronto	65	40	17	8	88	223	175
Tampa Bay	66	39	21	6	84	231	203
Florida	67	33	27	7	73	229	226
Ottawa	64	33	27	4	70	204	202
Buffalo	65	32	28	5	69	238	236
Detroit	65	29	27	9	67	194	214
Montreal	66	26	34	6	58	180	236
METRO.	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Carolina	64	43	13	8	94	217	162
New Jersey	65	43	16	6	92	232	177
N.Y. Rangers	65	37	19	9	83	215	183
Pittsburgh	65	33	22	10	76	214	208
N.Y. Islanders	68	34	26	8	76	196	187
Washington	67	32	28	7	71	208	200
Philadelphia	66	24	31	11	59	169	217
Columbus	65	20	38	7	47	169	244

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Dallas	65	35	17	13	83	225	175
Minnesota	65	37	21	7	81	186	171
Colorado	64	36	22	6	78	206	181
Winnipeg	66	37	26	3	77	207	187
Nashville	62	31	24	7	69	179	184
St. Louis	65	29	31	5	63	202	237
Arizona	66	23	32	11	57	183	233
Chicago	66	22	38	6	50	165	236
PACIFIC	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Vegas	66	40	20	6	86	212	182
Los Angeles	66	38	20	8	84	227	219
Seattle	65	37	22	6	80	229	207
Edmonton	67	36	23	8	80	258	228
Calgary	66	29	24	13	71	204	204
Vancouver	64	27	32	5	59	217	251
Anaheim	66	22	35	9	53	168	266
San Jose	66	19	35	12	50	191	252

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Boston 3, Detroit 2
Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 1
N.Y. Rangers 2, Buffalo 1, OT
Colorado 3, Arizona 2, OT
Tampa Bay 3, Chicago 1
Vegas 4, Carolina 0
St. Louis 5, Columbus 2
New Jersey 3, Montreal 1
Toronto 7, Edmonton 4
Winnipeg 5, Florida 4, OT
Washington 5, N.Y. Islanders 1
Dallas at Seattle, late
Ottawa at Vancouver, late
Minnesota at San Jose, late
Nashville at Los Angeles, late

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Boston at Detroit, 12:30p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 3p.m.
Carolina at New Jersey, 6p.m.
Vegas at St. Louis, 6p.m.
Winnipeg at Tampa Bay, 6p.m.
Ottawa at Calgary, 8p.m.
Minnesota at Arizona, 8:30p.m.
Nashville at Anaheim, 8:30p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Florida 4, Chicago 3, OT
Anaheim 3, Calgary 1

MLB SPRING TRAINING

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W	L	PCT.
Kansas City	13	2	.867
Boston	9	2	.818
Los Angeles	9	5	.643
Toronto	9	6	.600
Houston	6	4	.600
Chicago	7	6	.538
Detroit	9	7	.563
Minnesota	7	6	.538
Seattle	7	6	.538
New York	8	8	.500
Tampa Bay	6	7	.462
Texas	7	9	.438
Baltimore	5	8	.385
Cleveland	5	8	.385
Oakland	5	8	.385
NATIONAL LEAGUE	**W**	**L**	**PCT.**
Chicago	10	5	.667
Los Angeles	8	4	.667
St. Louis	8	5	.615
Philadelphia	8	6	.571
Cincinnati	8	8	.500
San Diego	8	8	.500
New York	6	7	.462
Colorado	6	8	.429
Atlanta	5	7	.417
Washington	5	7	.417
Milwaukee	5	9	.357
Arizona	5	10	.333
Pittsburgh	4	9	.308
San Francisco	4	11	.267
Miami	3	9	.250

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Minnesota 4, Boston 3
Detroit 16, Atlanta 7
Philadelphia 6, N.Y. Yankees (ss) 3
Houston 3, St. Louis 2
Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Yankees (ss) 0
Toronto 8, Baltimore 6
Chicago Cubs 5, L.A. Dodgers 2
Seattle 4, Colorado 2
Texas 8, Cincinnati 7
L.A. Angels 11, Arizona 10
Kansas City 12, Milwaukee 2
San Diego 6, Chicago White Sox 5
L.A. Dodgers 13, San Francisco 8
Cleveland 4, Oakland 2
Miami 5, Tampa Bay 3
Washington 10, N.Y. Mets 7

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Boston (ss) vs. Baltimore, 12:05p.m.
Miami vs. Houston, 12:05p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Boston (ss), 12:05p.m.
Washington vs. St. Louis, 12:05p.m.
Atlanta vs. Pittsburgh, 12:05p.m.
Minnesota vs. Detroit, 12:05p.m.
Toronto vs. Philadelphia, 12:05p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. N.Y. Mets, 12:10p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Chi. White Sox, 3:05p.m.
Cleveland vs. Kansas City, 3:05p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Cincinnati, 3:05p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Chicago Cubs, 3:05p.m.
Oakland (ss) vs. San Fran., 3:05p.m.
San Diego vs. Oakland (ss), 3:05p.m.
Colorado vs. Arizona, 3:10p.m.
Texas vs. Seattle, 3:10p.m.

WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC

GROUP A	W	L	Pct.
Taiwan	2	1	.667
Netherlands	2	1	.667
Panama	2	2	.500
Italy	1	2	.333
Cuba	1	2	.333
GROUP B	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**
Japan	3	0	1.000
Australia	2	0	1.000
South Korea	1	2	.333
Czech Republic	1	2	.333
China	0	3	.000
GROUP C	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**
United States	1	0	1.000
Colombia	1	0	1.000
Canada	0	0	.000
Mexico	0	1	.000
Britain	0	1	.000
GROUP D	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**
Puerto Rico	1	0	1.000
Venezuela	1	0	1.000
Israel	0	0	.000
Dominican Republic	0	1	.000
Nicaragua	0	1	.000

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Tokyo
Japan 10, Czech Republic 2
Czech Republic vs. South Korea, late
Taichung
Taiwan 9, Netherlands 5
Taiwan vs. Cuba, late
Miami, Fla.
Puerto Rico 9, Nicaragua 1
Venezuela 5, Dominican Republic 1
Phoenix, Ariz.
Colombia 5, Mexico 4, 10
Great Britain vs. U.S., late

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Tokyo
Japan vs. Australia, 5a.m.
Australia vs. Czech Republic, 10p.m.
Taichung
Netherlands vs. Italy, 6a.m.
Miami, Fla.
Nicaragua vs. Israel, noon
Venezuela vs. Puerto Rico, 6p.m.
Phoenix
Great Britain vs. Canada, 2p.m.
Mexico vs. U.S., 9p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S CONFERENCE TOURNAMENTS

AMERICA EAST
Saturday's championship
Vermont 72, Mass.-Lowell 59

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
Saturday's semifinals
Houston 69, Cincinnati 48
Memphis 94, Tulane 54

ATLANTIC 10 CONFERENCE
Saturday's semifinals
VCU 90, Saint Louis 78
Dayton 78, Fordham 68

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE
Saturday's championship
Duke 59, Virginia 49

BIG 12 CONFERENCE
Saturday's championship
Texas 76, Kansas 56

BIG EAST CONFERENCE
Saturday's championship
Marquette 65, Xavier 61

BIG TEN CONFERENCE
Saturday's semifinals
Purdue 80, Ohio St. 66
Penn St. 77, Indiana 73

BIG WEST CONFERENCE
Saturday's championship
Cal St.-Fullerton vs. UC Santa Barbara, late

CONFERENCE USA CONFERENCE
Saturday's championship
FAU 78, UAB 56

IVY LEAGUE CONFERENCE
Saturday's semifinals
Yale 80, Cornell 60
Princeton 77. Penn 70

METRO ATLANTIC ATH. CONFERENCE
Saturday's championship
Iona 76, Marist 65

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE
Saturday's championship
Kent St. 93, Toledo 78

MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
Saturday's championship
Howard 65, Norfolk St. 64

MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE
Saturday's championship
San Diego St. 62, Utah St. 57

PAC-12 CONFERENCE
Saturday's championship
UCLA vs. Arizona, late

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE
Saturday's semifinals
Alabama 72, Missouri 61
Texas A&M 87, Vanderbilt 75

SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
Saturday's championship
Texas Southern 61, Grambling St. 58

WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
Saturday's championship
Grand Canyon vs. S. Utah, late

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE TOURNAMENTS

ATLANTIC SUN CONFERENCE
Saturday's championship
Florida Gulf Coast 82, Liberty 60

BIG 12 CONFERENCE
Saturday's semifinals
Texas 64, Oklahoma St. 57
Iowa St. 82, Oklahoma 72

BIG WEST CONFERENCE
Saturday's championship
Hawaii 61, UC Santa Barbara 59

COLONIAL ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
Saturday's semifinals
Towson 76, William & Mary 59
Monmouth (NJ) 73, Northeastern 60

CONFERENCE USA CONFERENCE
Saturday's championship
Middle Tennessee 82, W. Kentucky 70

IVY LEAGUE CONFERENCE
Saturday's championship
Princeton 54, Harvard 48

METRO ATLANTIC ATH. CONFERENCE
Saturday's championship
Iona 73, Manhattan 60

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE
Saturday's championship
Toledo 73, Bowling Green 58

MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
Saturday's championship
Norfolk St. 56, Howard 52

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE
Saturday's semifinals
Drake 74, Illinois St. 54
Belmont 69, N. Iowa 64

NORTHEAST CONFERENCE
Sunday's championship
Fairl. Dickinson vs. Sacred Heart, 11 a.m.

PATRIOT LEAGUE CONFERENCE
Sunday's championship
Boston U. vs. Holy Cross, 11a.m.

SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
Saturday's championship
Southern U. 62, Ark.-Pine Bluff 53

WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
Saturday's championship
Southern Utah 82, Cal Baptist 73

MEN'S NCAA AUTOMATIC BIDS

Colgate: Patriot League
Coll. of Charleston: Colonial Athletic
Drake: Missouri Valley
Duke: Atlantic Coast
Fairleigh Dickinson: Northeast
Florida Atlantic: Conference USA
Furman: Southern
Gonzaga: West Coast
Howard: MEAC
Iona: MAAC
Kennesaw State: Atlantic Sun
Kent St.: Mid-American
Louisiana-Lafayette: Sun Belt
Marquette: Big East
Montana State: Big Sky
NC-Asheville: Big South
Northern Kentucky: Horizon League
Oral Roberts: Summit League
San Diego St.: Mountain West
Southeast Missouri State: Ohio Valley
Texas: Big 12
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi: Southland
Texas Southern: SWAC
Vermont: America East
Big West: Saturday
Pac 12: Saturday
Western Athletic: Saturday
American Athletic: Sunday
Atlantic 10: Sunday
Big Ten: Sunday
Ivy League: Sunday
Southeastern: Sunday

WOMEN NCAA AUTOMATIC BIDS

Chattanooga: Southern
Cleveland State: Horizon League
UConn: Big East
East Carolina: American Athletic
Florida Gulf Coast: Atlantic Sun
Gardner-Webb: Big South
Hawaii: Big West
Howard: MEAC
Iona: MAAC
Iowa: Big Ten
James Madison: Sun Belt
Middle Tennessee: Conference USA
Norfolk st.: MEAC
Portland: West Coast
Princeton: Ivy League
Sacramento State: Big Sky
Saint Louis: Atlantic 10
South Carolina: Southeastern
South Dakota State: Summit League
Southeast Louisiana: Southland
Southern U.: SWAC
Southern Utah: WAC
Tennessee Tech: Ohio Valley
Toledo: MAC
UNLV: Mountain West
Virginia Tech: Atlantic Coast
Washington State: Pac-12
Vermont: America East
Big 12: Sunday
Colonial Athletic: Sunday
Missouri Valley: Sunday
Northeast: Sunday
Patriot League: Sunday

GOLF

PGA TOUR THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

3rd of 4 rounds at TPC Sawgrass (Players Stadium), Ponte Vedra, Fla., 7,256 yards. Par 72.

Scottie Scheffler	68-69-65—202	-14
Min Woo Lee	68-70-66—204	-12
Cameron Davis	69-70-67—206	-10
Chri. Bezuidenhout	68-70-69—207	-9
Tommy Fleetwood	72-70-65—207	-9
Aaron Rai	73-69-65—207	-9
Chad Ramey	64-75-68—207	-9
Tom Hoge	78-68-62—208	-8
Sungjae Im	75-69-64—208	-8
David Lingmerth	72-68-68—208	-8
Denny McCarthy	68-72-69—209	-7
Taylor Montgomery	70-73-66—209	-7
Justin Rose	69-73-67—209	-7
Patrick Cantlay	72-70-68—210	-6
Jason Day	70-70-70—210	-6
Rickie Fowler	72-70-68—210	-6
Ben Griffin	67-71-72—210	-6
Adam Hadwin	71-70-69—210	-6
Viktor Hovland	69-71-70—210	-6
Taylor Moore	70-75-65—210	-6
Collin Morikawa	65-73-72—210	-6
Jordan Spieth	69-75-66—210	-6
Justin Suh	68-73-69—210	-6
Adam Svensson	68-67-75—210	-6
Dylan Wu	69-73-68—210	-6
Byeong Hun An	71-70-70—211	-5
Wyndham Clark	69-73-69—211	-5
Tony Finau	73-72-66—211	-5
Tyrrell Hatton	72-71-68—211	-5
Garrick Higgo	70-73-68—211	-5
Max Homa	72-72-67—211	-5
Si Woo Kim	69-74-68—211	-5
Hideki Matsuyama	74-70-67—211	-5
Brandon Wu	73-69-69—211	-5
Tyler Duncan	73-69-70—212	-4
Ryan Fox	74-68-70—212	-4
Russell Henley	72-74-66—212	-4
Kramer Hickok	73-70-69—212	-4
Francesco Molinari	73-71-68—212	-4
Taylor Pendrith	67-73-72—212	-4
Davis Thompson	70-73-69—212	-4

MAGICAL KENYA OPEN

3rd of 4 rounds, Muthaiga Golf Club Nairobi, Kenya, 7,228 yards, Par: 71

Jorge Campillo	69-68-63—200	-13
Robert Macintyre	71-65-65—201	-12
Masahiro Kawamura	67-67-68—202	-11
Jayden Trey Schaper	68-65-69—202	-11
Santiago Tarrio	71-68-64—203	-10
John Catlin	64-70-70—204	-9
Ryo Hisatsune	70-63-71—204	-9
Matthew Jordan	68-68-68—204	-9
Lukas Nemecz	67-68-69—204	-9
JC Ritchie	69-69-66—204	-9
Borja Virto Astudillo	66-68-70—204	-9
Julien Brun	70-68-67—205	-8
Rafa Cabrera Bello	67-69-69—205	-8
Ashley Chesters	68-72-65—205	-8
Nacho Elvira	67-65-73—205	-8
Craig Howie	68-67-70—205	-8
Jannik De Bruyn	71-67-68—206	-7
Gavin Green	66-69-71—206	-7
Tom McKibbin	69-69-68—206	-7
Velten Meyer	71-69-66—206	-7

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP UNITED RENTALS WORK UNITED 500 LINEUP

After Saturday qualifying; race Sunday at Phoenix Raceway, Avondale, Ariz.
Lap length: 1.00 miles
(Car number in parentheses)
1. (5) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 130.237 mph.
2. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 129.931.
3. (24) William Byron, Chevrolet, 129.922.
4. (6) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 129.762.
5. (20) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 129.580.
6. (1) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 129.394.
7. (34) Michael McDowell, Ford, 129.185.
8. (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 129.083.
9. (8) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 128.949.
10. (43) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, 128.880.
11. (99) Daniel Suárez, Chevrolet, 130.152.
12. (45) Tyler Reddick, Toyota, 130.124.
13. (19) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, 130.119.
14. (54) Ty Gibbs, Toyota, 130.100.
15. (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 130.044.
16. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 129.964.
17. (9) Josh Berry, Chevrolet, 129.889.
18. (48) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 129.856.
19. (23) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 129.730.
20. (2) Austin Cindric, Ford, 129.716.
21. (17) Chris Buescher, Ford, 129.697.
22. (16) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 129.674.
23. (47) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Chevrolet, 129.655.
24. (14) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 129.594.
25. (41) Ryan Preece, Ford, 129.571.
26. (31) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 129.171.
27. (21) Harrison Burton, Ford, 128.691.
28. (7) Corey Lajoie, Chevrolet, 128.627.
29. (15) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 128.379.
30. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 128.306.
31. (10) Aric Almirola, Ford, 128.187.
32. (42) Noah Gragson, Chevrolet, 127.932.
33. (78) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 127.687.
34. (38) Zane Smith, Ford, 127.101.
35. (77) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 125.209.
36. (51) Cody Ware, Ford, 124.766.

TENNIS

ATP/WTA BNP PARIBAS OPEN

Saturday at Indian Wells Tennis Center, Indian Wells, Calif., outdoors-hard
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 64
#4Taylor Fritz d.
Ben Shelton, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.
#8Felix Auger-Aliassime d.
Pedro Martinez, 7-6(5), 6-4.
#9Hubert Hurkacz d.
Alexei Popyrin, 6-3, 6-3.
#11Jannik Sinner d.
Richard Gasquet, 6-3, 7-6(2).
Marton Fucsovics d.
#16Alex de Minaur, 6-4, 6-2.
#17Tommy Paul d.
Jan-Lennard Struff, 6-3, 6-3.
Alex Molcan, d.
#18Borna Coric, 6-3, 6-3.
Adrian Mannarino d.
#19Lorenzo Musetti, 6-4, 6-4.
Jack Draper d.
#24Daniel Evans, 6-4, 6-2.
Stan Wawrinka d.
#26Miomir Kecmanovic, 7-6(8), 6-4.
#27Francisco Cerundolo d.
Jack Sock, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
#30Sebastian Baez d.
Rinky Hijikata, 6-3, 6-1.
#31Tallon Griekspoor d.
Guido Pella, 7-6(3), 7-6(4).
Andy Murray d.
Radu Albot, 6-4, 6-3.

WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 64
#1Iga Swiatek vs.
Claire Liu, late
#5Caroline Garcia d.
Dalma Galfi, 6-1, 6-7(4), 6-4.
#8Daria Kasatkina d.
Tatjana Maria, 6-2, 6-1.
#10Elena Rybakina d.
Sofia Kenin, 7-6(6), 7-6(5).
Bernarda Pera d. #12Liudmila
Samsonova, 2-6, 7-6(8), 7-6(6).
Karolina Muchova d.
#14Victoria Azarenka, 7-6(1), 6-3.
Emma Raducanu d.
#20Magda Linette, 7-6(3), 6-2.

ODDS

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SUNDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
Alabama	3½	Texas A&M
Purdue	5½	Penn St.
VCU	1½	Dayton
Yale	2½	Princeton

NBA SUNDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Denver	8	(232)	Brooklyn
Cleveland	8	(off)	at Charlotte
at Philadelphia	7½	(231½)	Washington
at New Orleans	off	(off)	Portland
at San Antonio	off	(off)	Oklahoma City
at LA Lakers	off	(off)	New York

NHL SUNDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	Line
Boston	-251	at Detroit	+206
at Pittsburgh	-112	NY Rangers	-107
at Tampa Bay	-186	Winnipeg	+157
Vegas	-160	at St. Louis	+138
at New Jersey	off	Carolina	off
at Calgary	-185	Ottawa	+155
Minnesota	-209	at Arizona	+174
Nashville	-162	at Anaheim	+137

For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

Texas interim head coach Rodney Terry celebrates with the team after beating Kansas in the Big 12 title game Saturday in Kansas City, Missouri. **JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY**

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Texas cruises to Big 12 title

Associated Press

Dylan Disu overcame early foul trouble to score 18 points, Marcus Carr and Sir'Jabari Rice added 17 apiece, and seventh-ranked Texas silenced a heavily pro-Kansas crowd with a 76-56 romp over the third-ranked Jayhawks in the Big 12 Tournament title game Saturday night.

After going more than two decades without a Big 12 tourney championship, the Longhorns have won two of the past three, and likely wrapped up a No. 2 seed in next week's NCAA Tournament with their performance in Kansas City. With interim coach Rodney Terry leading the way, the Longhorns built a 39-33 lead by halftime, extended it to 20 down the stretch and coasted toward a shower of confetti during a net-cutting celebration.

The question now is whether the defending national champs did enough before Saturday night to earn the overall No. 1 seed for the NCAA Tournament.

Kansas hopes to have Hall of Fame basketball coach Bill Self, who missed the entire Big 12 Tournament after a medical procedure earlier week, back on the sideline when it begins its NCAA Tournament title defense next week. Norm Roberts, who led the Jayhawks to the championship game Saturday night, said that Self talked to his team before the loss to Texas and anticipates joining them for Selection Sunday.

"We plan on him coaching next week," Roberts said. "He's doing well."

Stansbury resigns; Whitesell and Brown fired: Rick Stansbury resigned after seven seasons as Western Kentucky's head coach and cited a need to focus on his health and family. ... Jim Whitesell is out as Buffalo's head coach after his first losing season in four years on the job. ... Wichita State fired coach Isaac Brown on Saturday, two years after he was voted the league's coach of the year.

No. 1 Houston's Sasser injured in AAC tourney: American Athletic Conference player of the year Marcus Sasser suffered an apparent groin injury with about 6 ½ minutes left in the first half of No. 1 Houston's 69-48 win over Cincinnati in their AAC tournament semifinal game Saturday. Houston coach Kelvin Sampson said Sasser would be re-evaluated, but indicated the senior might miss the AAC tournament title game.

Howard heads to 1st NCAA tourney since 1992: Jelani Williams scored 20 points including two free throws with 6.1 seconds left to lead Howard to a 65-64 win on Saturday in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Tournament championship game and the Bison's first trip to the NCAA Tournament in 31 years.

Layups: PJ Henry scored 19 points and Texas Southern denied Grambling its first NCAA Tournament berth with a 61-58 win on Saturday in the Southwestern Athletic Conference Tournament title game. ... Tyler Kolek and No. 6 Marquette raced out to a hefty lead and never looked back, beating No. 15 Xavier 65-51 on Saturday night to win the Big East Tournament for the first time. ... Jeremy Roach scored 23 points and No. 21 Duke locked down defensively to beat No. 13 Virginia 59-49 in Saturday night's ACC Tournament championship.

IN BRIEF

Long day for Scheffler ends with 2-shot lead

Associated Press

Scottie Scheffler won early, holing a chip from deep rough for eagle on the par-5 second hole at The Players Championship to win a bet against his caddie on the number of times the Masters champion chips in during the season.

The bigger payoff was the way Scheffler navigated 26 holes on Saturday — eight in the morning to finish the rain-delayed second round, 18 in the afternoon when the TPC Sawgrass was as soft and vulnerable as it gets — for a 7-under 65 to build a two-shot lead over Min Woo Lee of Australia.

Still to come: A chance for Scheffler to capture another big prize against a strong field, return to No. 1 in the world and cash a $4.5 million check.

"I would much rather win the tournament than get back to No. 1 in the world," Scheffler said. "So that will be my focus going into tomorrow, just going out and having a solid round of golf."

Scheffler capped his long day with what amounted to a two-shot swing. Lee, the younger brother of U.S. Women's Open champion Minjee Lee, took three putts from 70 feet on the fringe at the 18th hole on the TPC Sawgrass for a 66.

Auto racing: Sammy Smith won the Xfinity Series race at Phoenix Raceway. It's the first victory for the 18-year-old high school student who is taking classes online so he can be a full-time driver.

MLB: Outfielder Corbin Carroll, 22, and the Diamondbacks are in agreement on an eight-year, $111 million contract extension, tying one of the top prospects to the team through his prime seasons.

NBA: Bucks star Giannis Antetokounmpo missed his third straight game Saturday, sidelined by a sore right hand.

Soccer: The Royals are returning to Utah and the National Women's Soccer League. The NWSL and Major League Soccer's Real Salt Lake announced the second iteration of the Utah Royals on Saturday.

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Vikings legend Grant dies at 95

Bud Grant, the stoic and demanding Hall of Fame coach who took the Vikings and their mighty Purple People Eaters defense to four Super Bowls in eight years and lost all of them, died Saturday. He was 95. The Vikings announced Grant's death on social media. "We are absolutely devastated to announce legendary Minnesota Vikings head coach and Hall of Famer Bud Grant has passed away this morning at age 95," the post said. "We, like all Vikings and NFL fans, are shocked and saddened by this terrible news." Wearing his trademark purple Vikings cap and a stone-faced demeanor, Grant's steely sideline gaze became synonymous with his teams. He was a mainstay among coaches of his era, a decorated group that included Don Shula, Tom Landry, Chuck Noll, John Madden and Hank Stram. Grant, however, had little interest in accolades. He guided the Vikings from 1967-85, with a one-year hiatus in 1984, on his way to a 158-96-5 record with 11 division championships in 18 seasons. He went 10-12 in the playoffs. When he retired, Grant was eighth on the NFL's all-time victory list.

Ohtani leads Japan to quarterfinals

Shohei Ohtani had another RBI double, 21-year-old right-hander Roki Sasaki reached 100 mph 21 times in 66 pitches and Japan beat the Czech Republic 10-2 on Saturday night to clinch a quarterfinal berth in the World Baseball Classic. Shugo Maki hit his second home run of the tournament and new Red Sox oufielder Masataka Yoshida had three RBIs, including a go-ahead, two-run double in the third inning off loser Ondrej Satoria as the Samurai Warriors overcame a 1-0 deficit. Ohtani went 1 for 3 with a walk before a crowd of 41,637 in the Tokyo Dome, leaving for a pinch hitter in the eighth inning. He is 5 for 10 with three doubles, four RBIs and five walks for Japan (3-0), which has one more group game and will host a quarterfinal on Wednesday or Thursday. He also has pitched four scoreless innings. Sasaki struck out eight in 3 ⅔ innings and got the win. He allowed an unearned run, two hits and two walks. Sasaki threw the 16th perfect game in Japanese major league history in April, then pitched eight perfect innings in his next start before being pulled after 102 pitches.

Players, stars rally behind Lineker

The BBC was forced to scrap much of its weekend sports programming as the network scrambled to stem an escalating crisis over its suspension of soccer host Gary Lineker for comments criticizing the British government's new asylum policy. As a growing number of English Premier League players and BBC presenters rallied to Lineker's support and refused to appear on the airwaves on Saturday, Britain's national broadcaster faced allegations of political bias and suppressing free speech, as well as praise from some Conservative politicians. The broadcaster said it would air only "limited sport programming" this weekend after hosts of many of its popular sports shows declined to appear, in solidarity with Lineker. The former England captain was suspended from "Match of the Day," a popular highlight show, over a Twitter post that compared lawmakers' language about migrants to that used in Nazi Germany. Instead of blanket coverage Saturday, the BBC had no preview shows on radio or TV and no early evening summary of the final scores of Premier League games. *—Associated Press*

Bears wide receiver Chase Claypool, right, can't come up with a pass against the Packers on Dec. 4 at Soldier Field.
ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

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"I know we are in a healthier situation now than we were before," he said immediately after the season, "and we're excited about where we're going."

Poles was particularly excited about where *he* was going — into an offseason with so much freedom and potential. With a sharp vision for how he intends to build everything back up, Poles felt ready and eager to embark on a journey of trades, free-agency signings and draft selections with full confidence he could push the Bears back first toward relevance, then toward true competitiveness and, finally, on to championship contention.

On Friday, by completing a much-anticipated trade with the Carolina Panthers for the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft, Poles added to his resource supply, acquiring a proven standout receiver in D.J. Moore plus, according to a league source, four additional draft picks.

The Bears agreed to move down eight spots in the first round while also snatching the No. 61 pick for next month's draft, plus the Panthers' first-round pick in 2024 and their second-round selection in 2025.

Fist pumps and chest bumps all around.

Justifiably, most of a hopeful Bears fan base is celebrating Friday's big haul, thankful all that losing last fall wasn't done in vain and optimistic Poles will take the extra at-bats he has bought for himself over the next three drafts and hit for a high average.

Proven commodity

Moore's arrival is the true bonus — and the reason this trade was executed before free agency began, allowing the Bears and Panthers to recalibrate for the start of the new league year, which will ring in at 3 p.m. on Wednesday.

Moore, who turns 26 next month, should immediately bring experience and toughness to the Bears offense, giving quarterback Justin Fields a proven go-to threat. Over the last four seasons Moore has averaged 77 catches, 1,103 yards and five touchdowns, even with so much quarterback instability swirling around him in a Panthers huddle that was led, at various points, by Cam Newton, Kyle Allen, Will Grier, Teddy Bridgewater, P.J. Walker, Sam Darnold and Baker Mayfield.

Imagine what Moore might be capable of if he can quickly build meaningful continuity and rapport with Fields. And imagine where Fields might have the chance to go in his third season if Poles continues building a higher-quality supporting cast around him.

That mission will enter the next phase Monday, when the free-agency negotiation window opens and the Bears begin shopping down the offensive line aisle, potentially in the mix for one of the standout tackles on the market. Perhaps Poles will finalize a headline-grabbing deal for Orlando Brown or Mike McGlinchey or Kaleb McGary or Jawaan Taylor.

Poles knows his roster restocking process has only just begun. And the accumulation of salary-cap space and draft capital is only valuable if it is used to acquire difference-making players.

Only time will tell

The Bears cleared an important checkpoint with Friday's trade, and the return haul should aid the roster revitalization process. To that end, Poles deserves the applause he has been getting in Chicago and from within league circles, squeezing valuable capital out of the deal he orchestrated.

But it's also far, far too early to classify the trade as any sort of landmark accomplishment. It will be years yet before anyone can deduce just how much this flip of the No. 1 pick actually advanced the Bears.

We will have to wait and see whom the Panthers select at No. 1 and what other players come off the board before the Bears pick. We will have to track the career trajectories of all those players while also assessing whether Fields makes a breakthrough leap in 2023.

We also will have to keep an eye on those two future draft selections the Bears reeled in from the Panthers and assess how that all pans out. And that's where a hopeful city's giddiness must be tempered just a bit with a realist's reminder that jubilant celebrations should remain in line with actual tangible achievement.

One day soon, hopefully, Bears fans will have actual on-field success about which to high-five. For everyone involved, that would be a refreshing alternative to the current state of "We did it!" parties that prompt the natural follow-up question: Did *what* exactly?

As one league source noted from the scouting combine last week, the genuine and justifiable excitement the Bears feel about this 2023 offseason only became reality because of how dismal they were in 2022, losing 14 times and collecting their final victory in Week 7.

As that source pontificated, would the Bears really have been in significantly worse shape for their long-term future if they had won six games but done so with a more impressive roster?

What if, for example, they were marching into 2023 with a home-grown, first-round pick turned All-Pro linebacker under contract and locked in as part of their nucleus for years to come?

Or what if Fields had propelled two or three game-winning drives with undeniable pocket poise and clutch playmaking, removing the worries that his flaws as a passer will limit his NFL ascent?

Brick by brick

To take that thinking a few steps further, what if Velus Jones had emerged as a reliable and consistent contributor within the offense, reducing the need for the Bears to add to their receiving firepower with trades for Chase Claypool and now Moore.

What if Trevis Gipson had emerged as an every-week impact pass rusher, lessening the need to chase defensive difference-makers this offseason?

You get the point. The Bears need more game-changers. And to this point they've really only netted a wad of raffle tickets to hopefully land them.

It's easy to point to the Miami Dolphins' big trade in 2021 as best-case blueprint, with GM Chris Grier trading back from No. 3 to No. 12 a month before the draft and then using parts of the return haul to help draft Jaylen Waddle and trade for Tyreek Hill and Bradley Chubb.

But there are other such trade-down deals that produce more shrug-worthy, long-term dividends. Ask the 2012 St. Louis Rams, who pounced on the Washington Redskins' eagerness to draft quarterback Robert Griffin III and executed a trade from No. 2 to No. 6.

That move earned the Rams a huge gift basket of picks. But the collection of players those picks turned into — Michael Brockers, Janoris Jenkins, Isaiah Pead, Rokevious Watkins, Alec Ogletree, Stedman Bailey, Zac Stacy and Greg Robinson — hardly registered as franchise-changing.

The same goes for the Cleveland Browns, who in 2016 happily allowed the Philadelphia Eagles to grab their No. 2 pick to draft Carson Wentz. The resources the Browns grabbed for sliding down six spots ultimately resulted in a group that included Corey Coleman, Shon Coleman, Cody Kessler, Ricardo Louis, Derrick Kindred, Jordan Payton and Spencer Drango.

That same year the Tennessee Titans traded out of the No. 1 spot, moved down to No. 15 and snagged a plethora of picks from the Rams, who badly wanted Jared Goff as their franchise quarterback. Ultimately, the Titans used the gift card from that deal to land Jack Conklin, Derrick Henry, Austin Johnson, Corey Davis and Jonnu Smith. (That was a mostly positive yield but won't soon be the subject of a gripping "30 for 30.")

Thankfully for the Bears, Poles and assistant GM Ian Cunningham remain appropriately grounded and cognizant that the Bears still need a lot of time, a lot of patience and a lot of swings to produce the results they are after. With a lengthy checklist of offseason goals and priorities, they must continue to build step by step, brick by brick.

Friday's trade was beneficial and energizing, no doubt. A major box was checked, but from here Poles and the Bears must conquer the next legs on the journey.

The hardest parts are still ahead.

SKIING

Shiffrin alone on top of the slopes

Associated Press

ARE, Sweden — Two minutes after earning her 87th career win, Mikaela Shiffrin finally understood the significance of setting the record for most World Cup victories.

In the middle of the awards ceremony, a man in a red jacket unexpectedly stepped forward from the crowd and that was the moment Shiffrin first realized what it all meant to her.

It was her brother, Taylor, who had secretly flown in to Sweden and now came over to hug her.

"I've said it the whole time, I don't know how to define that," Shiffrin said about the record. "But when you have these special moments ... seeing my brother and (sister-in-law) Kristi and my mom (and coach, Eileen) in the finish today, that's what makes it memorable."

Mikaela Shiffrin became the most successful racer in the history of World Cup skiing Saturday as she won her 87th World Cup event with a victory in the slalom in Are, Sweden.
PONTUS LUNDAHL/AFP

Shiffrin set the outright World Cup record for most career victories by winning a slalom Saturday, breaking a tie with Ingemar Stenmark on the all-time overall winners list between men and women. The Swede competed in the 1970s and 80s. Shiffrin had matched Stenmark's mark of 86 wins with a win in a giant slalom Friday.

"Pretty hard to comprehend," said Shiffrin, who crouched and rested her head on her knees after finishing the final run. Runner-up Wendy Holdener of Switzerland and third-place home favorite Anna Swenn Larsson came over to congratulate her.

"My brother and sister-in-law are here and I didn't know they were coming, that makes this so special," Shiffrin said. "They flew here for this. I don't know how they did it, I don't know how they got here."

The victory gave Shiffrin the outright record 12 years to the day after her first race on the World Cup, as a 15-year-old at a GS in Spindleruv Mlyn, Czech Republic.

In a course-side interview, Shiffrin said she's "so proud of the team, this whole season" for being "strong and positive" and "having the right goals."

Shiffrin set the record less than a month after her head coach, Mike Day, left the team in the second week of the world championships in France.

Day's departure, however, has not affected Shiffrin's achievements, as she next won GS gold and slalom silver at the worlds, wrapped up her overall World Cup title at speed races in Norway last weekend, and celebrated back-to-back wins in Sweden to become the winningest ski racer in the 56-year history of the World Cup.

Saturday's result marked the American's sixth slalom win of the season and the record-extending 53rd career win in the discipline. Shiffrin also has a women's record-equaling 20 wins in GS, as well as five in super-G, five in parallel, three in downhill, and one in combined.

"It's pretty hard to describe — and it's not over yet, which is even more ridiculous," said Shiffrin, who turns 28 Monday and is expected to continue until at the least the 2026 Winter Olympics in Italy.

Apart from Stenmark's record, which she never actively chased, Shiffrin had no pressure on her shoulders going into her 246th career World Cup race Saturday, having already locked up the discipline title in slalom. On Friday, she had also secured the GS season title.

"I still had the feeling at the start of this run that I have every race, it's like, I shouldn't feel pressure. But somehow I feel something in my heartbeat," Shiffrin said about having to protect her lead after dominating the first run.

Shiffrin posted the fifth-fastest time in the second run to beat Holdener by 0.92 seconds. Swenn Larsson was 0.95 back and the last racer to finish within a second of Shiffrin's time. Shiffrin's teammate Paula Moltzan finished 1.54 behind in fourth in the American's first race since fracturing her left hand last month.

"The best feeling is to ski on the second run when of course you want to win, you have a lead so you have to be sort of be smart but also, I just wanted to be fast, too, and ski the second run like its own race," Shiffrin said.

"I did exactly that and that is amazing."

The race took place at a venue where many key moments in Shiffrin's career happened. At the Swedish lakeside resort, she earned her first World Cup win in 2012 and took slalom gold at the 2019 world championships to become the first skier to win the world title in one discipline four times in a row. However, Are was also the place where she sustained a knee injury that kept her away from the slopes for two months in the 2015-16 season, and where she was due to race again in March 2020 after the death of her father the previous month, but those races were called off on short notice after Shiffrin's arrival in Sweden because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Shiffrin is set to compete in three more races this season at next week's World Cup Finals in Soldeu, Andorra. While she planned to skip Wednesday's downhill, she will race in a super-G the following day, and in a slalom and GS during the weekend.

Who are these players?

Get to know the new-look roster

By Phil Thompson
Chicago Tribune

The Blackhawks have gone through so much turnover recently with trades and injuries that some of the players are still learning key details about each other.

Take Andreas Englund and Joey Anderson. Both landed with the Hawks as part of trade-deadline deals and their lockers sit next to each other, but Englund had "no clue" he "stole" Anderson's No. 28 jersey number.

You can blame Patrick Kane for that.

"I had '88′ back in Colorado. Obviously I wasn't going to get that here," Englund said of Kane's old number, one the Hawks are destined retire. "So they asked me whatever (number I wanted) and yeah, 28 was available. I was like, 'Fine, sure, let's roll with that.I found out a couple days ago when Joe was telling me, "Hey, I had 28′ . I was like, 'Oh (shoot) you want it?' "

It just so happened that Englund got first dibs: He was traded for Jack Johnson on Feb. 26. Anderson was part of the package that sent Jake McCabe and Sam Lafferty to the Toronto Maple Leafs the next day.

Anderson settled on No. 15: "I have no reason to ask for a new number."

When the New Jersey Devils traded Anderson to the Leafs on Oct. 10, 2020, No. 28 "wasn't a number I had chosen, really. So I'm not, like, heart-set on a number."

Anders Bjork, acquired from the Buffalo Sabres, didn't put much thought into his No. 24, but coach Luke Richardson did.

"He's wearing Lafferty's (old) number, so we get some speed for some speed on No. 24," Richardson said. "And putting him in with (Lafferty's old linemate Jason) Dickinson, hopefully they can build some chemistry like the last two did."

Said Bjork: "To me, it's kind of a fast number — that's what I'm trying to do is play fast. Also, my younger brother plays at Notre Dame and wears 23. We've always been one (number) apart."

Each game gives Richardson an opportunity to become familiar with a new crop of players and their attributes, but after a rebuild-driven roster purge, deadline day felt like training camp again.

"That's basically what we're thinking back to. And it's a good refresher," he said.

The new roster has about a month left in the season — 18 games — to familiarize themselves with new teammates, a new system and a new city. It's also a chance to prove themselves, particularly the additions who don't have a lot of NHL experience like Englund, Anderson and Bjork.

"Everybody only has so much time to show their thing as a young prospect. It only lasts so long." Richardson said.

"If you look at the next three years — well, four years counting the last draft — there's going to be another seven first-round picks. And those guys are always high on the list. So you've got to make sure if you're a prospect in this organization that you're pushing. There's going to be some internal competition coming up.

"So the guys that are here have that head start on it and they have to take advantage of it."

Get to know — or reknow — the key players from the new-look Hawks roster from A-Z.

Joey Anderson, forward

Age: 24 **Size:** 6-0, 207

Acquired: Part of trade package on Feb. 27, along with a 2025 conditional first-round pick, from the Toronto Maple Leafs for Sam Lafferty and Jake McCabe

The rundown: He recorded his first goal with the Hawks against the Detroit Red Wings on Wednesday.

He's expected to play out the season with the Hawks, then join the IceHogs for their AHL playoff push. The native of Roseville, Minn., grew up a Wild fan, but his mother always rooted for the Hawks.

"She played pro racquetball, so growing up she would come to Chicago for a lot of tournaments," Anderson said.

Anders Bjork, forward

Age: 26 **Size:** 6-0, 190

Acquired: Traded from the Sabres for future considerations on March 2

The rundown: Bjork is looking to reinvent himself.

"I was playing in the minors, and now I get a chance to show that I can play in the NHL and redefine myself," he said. "Every player wants that, once their career hasn't gone the way that they'd like."

He had three assists against the Senators and Richardson joked the wing could've gotten six points.

"The puck was just finding him," said Richardson, who also praised Bjork's penalty killing. "He didn't play risky at all, but he still made some really good plays and it was good to see."

Bjork said he brings speed to the Hawks.

"I like to play fast, I've got some offensive ability, but I pride myself on being responsible and being a two-way player," he added.

The Milwaukee-area native was less outspoken about his football allegiance, however.

"I was waiting for that question," he laughed, when asked about rooting for the Green Bay Packers. "And I don't have a good answer for you. I am from Wisconsin, but I'm not I'm not fully committed one way or the other. I can be convinced. That question makes me a little nervous, I'm not going to lie."

Blackhawks defenseman Andreas Englund in the first period during a game against the Coyotes on Feb. 28. **RICK SCUTERI/AP**

Stars center Tyler Seguin moves the puck away from Blackhawks right wing Joey Anderson during the second period of a game on March 2. **MATT MARTON/AP**

Andreas Englund, defenseman

Age: 27 **Size:** 6-3, 189

Acquired: Trade on Feb. 26 with Colorado Avalanche for Jack Johnson

The rundown: Englund announced his arrival with a huge hit on the Predators' Philip Tomasino that resulted in a boarding penalty, but he pulled a hamstring and has been sidelined for the rest of road trip.

He already has made an impression on fellow defenseman Connor Murphy.

"He's a really strong guy," Murphy said. "He shows his physicality and he's not afraid to throw nice hits."

Englund said his style is "definitely hard-nosed defenseman. I try to play physical and I want to be solid in D-zone."

MacKenzie Entwistle, forward

Age: 23 **Size:** 6-3, 184

Acquired: Part of seven-player trade package on July 12, 2018

The rundown: With 109 games played for the Hawks, Entwistle suddenly became one of the senior members of the roster and has taken on a more prominent role.

He was sidelined since Feb. 15 with a wrist injury until his activation March 3.

"It's something I might have to play with a little bit for the rest of the year, but it's feeling great," Entwistle said.

Cole Guttman, forward

Age: 23 **Size:** 5-9, 167

Acquired: Signed an entry-level contract on Aug. 18, 2022

The rundown: Guttman has recorded three goals in 12 games.

"He's strong on the puck," Richardson said. "'Did he have separation speed?' was the big question and he's shown that. At a time of the year when our roster is down, he's been a big piece to fill a hole there."

Against the Panthers on Friday, Guttman more than made up for a neutral-zone turnover during a power play by scoring the tying goal with 45 seconds left.

Caleb Jones, defenseman

Age: 25 **Size:** 6-1, 194

Acquired: Part of a trade package from the Edmonton Oilers for Duncan Keith on July 12, 2021

The rundown: He has been paired with Seth Jones since the trade deadline, and not just because they're brothers. Caleb Jones has stabilized his play defensively. He has a plus-6 rating since March 4.

"Playing with Seth is probably a real inspiration for him," Richardson said. "It's a unique thing but his skating ability is great. But sometimes I call it a little bit (of) happy feet. He gets going too much and too busy and he's putting out fires all over the place.

"We want him to be a defenseman, not a fireman."

Jones capped a first-period rush against the Panthers on Friday with the game's opening goal, his third of the season.

Seth Jones, defenseman

Age: 28 **Size:** 6-4, 213

Acquired: Traded from the Columbus Blue Jackets in 2021 and signed to an eight-year, $76 million extension

The rundown: He has 10 goals and 21 assists this season, but Jones has looked like a different player in recent games, including a run of four goals over a three-game span.

"Just trying to make my reads," he said after a two-goal game against the Senators.

Richardson said Jones is finding the right balance with defense — and it's leading to better chances on offense.

"I don't think he pushes it," he said. "He joins when the other team's vulnerable. Seth is sneaky on the offensive (end) and he's really figuring out the right times to do it."

Jujhar Khaira, forward

Age: 28 **Size:** 6-4, 212

Acquired: Signed on July 28, 2021

The rundown: Khaira has missed 26 games this season with a back injury, something that's plagued him in the past.

"Unfortunately it took me a little bit longer than I would have liked," he said. "I feel like I'm moving better than I was and just playing pain free."

The Hawks need the veteran to help fill in gaps.

"He's going to help out, especially losing some penalty killers. That's kind of his forte," Richardson said. "Need him to get real strong in that (faceoff) circle."

Ian Mitchell, defenseman

Age: 24 **Size:** 5-11, 193

Acquired: Second round of the 2017 draft (No. 57)

The rundown: Mitchell has logged 72 games with the Hawks over three seasons, but he was beginning to feel like a forgotten man.

He had been scratched for 39 games, including three straight before drawing into the lineup against the Red Wings.

"There has been progress," Richardson said. "You always want more as a coach and as an organization, but it's tough and that's not really an uncommon theme for a young defenseman to be in and out and kind of earning your stripes as you go."

Part of Mitchell's process is learning to play defense without letting his size be a liability.

"He's not small, but he's not like a huge big defenseman," Richardson said. "So sometimes it takes a little longer to find all the little different techniques that you're going to need to play in a league that's big and fast. I think this is another great opportunity for him."

Lukas Reichel, forward

Age: 20 **Size:** 6-0, 170

Acquired: 2020 draft (first round, 17th pick)

The rundown: There's little question Reichel has a prominent place in the Hawks' future, but the remainder of season will be a testing ground for his maturation.

Reichel showed both sides of that coin against the Ottawa Senators. On one play, he got fancy on a pass, turned the puck over and ended up back in the defensive zone. Richardson said the coaches were "chomping at the bit" and "fighting over each other for who was getting to him first."

When Reichel returned to the bench, "he already knew. You could see he had the red in his cheeks" and coaches scolded, "'Reichsy, that's not for here, not for this league, not for you.' "

Richardson said Reichel showed better decision-making late in the game when he stole the puck, knew he couldn't make it farther than the red line and "lay an alley-oop" over the defense "so we can get the (line) change."

"That's just smart, intelligent hockey," Richardson said. "That's (his new) team-first thought process, and that's got to be every day, every game, every shift, and you're starting to see that from him."

Reichel said the instinct to airmail the puck came with experience.

"When it's 5-0 and it's the last five minutes of the third period, you don't try to turn it over, just make a smart play and chip the puck in and go for a change," he said.

So, he added, "when it's a 2-1 game or a 3-1 game, the coaches trust you more."

Filip Roos, defenseman

Age: 24 **Size:** 6-4, 190

Acquired: Signed an entry-level contract on May 23, 2022

The rundown: Roos was called up Thursday to help make up for injuries and trades on defense. The Hawks had sent him down to Rockford in December to work on finding consistency.

Richardson said at the time, "When there's a time to get him back and need him, he's ready to go instead of just in-and-out and not playing a lot."

Roos is subbing for Murphy during this trip while Murphy attends to a family matter.

Roos made a great defensive play Friday by batting a rebound puck midair to prevent it from falling into the net behind Petr Mrázek.

Vili Saarijärvi

Age: 25 **Size:** 5-10, 163

Acquired: Part of the three-team trade package for Kane on Feb. 28

The rundown: The Hawks acquired Saarijarvi's signing rights, and he has been playing in the Swiss League with the SCL Tigers.

"Saarijarvi's over in Europe, so he'll finish out the year," Davidson said. "He's under contract over there, so we'll determine that one maybe in the offseason."

Alex Stalock, goalie

Age: 35 **Size:** 5-11, 170

Acquired: Signed on July 13, 2022

The rundown: Few players have faced the challenges Stalock has this season.

He had to overcome myocarditis to even continue his career, but his health troubles weren't over. He missed a month and half with a concussion starting in November, then discovered he had an ocular dysfunction that affected his tracking during another injury stint between mid-January and February.

"Guys felt for him," Richardson said. "He battled through that all year and it's great to have him back and his comedic self."

Stalock, who posted a shutout against the Senators on Monday, has maintained not only his good humor but his confidence.

"The last couple years have been kind of a mess health-wise, but I feel in good shape, back to physically (being) able to perform at the level I want to and just having fun," he said.

Austin Wagner, forward

Age: 25 **Size:** 6-1, 195

Acquired: A deadline-day trade on March 3 from the Los Angeles Kings

The rundown: He hasn't played an NHL game since the 2020-21 season with the Kings. And now his start with the Hawks has been stalled by an infection. The Hawks are "just letting it settle down," Richardson said.

If Wagner gets healthy, he's likely to join Anderson in Rockford after the NHL season.

Andy Welinski, defenseman

Age: 29 **Size:** 6-1, 201

Acquired: Part of the Feb. 28 trade package in a three-team deal with the Coyotes (2025 conditional third-round pick) and Rangers (Kane), along with a 2023 conditional second-rounder, 2025 fourth-rounder and Vili Saarijärvi

The rundown: Welinski has played two games with Rockford and recorded an assist.

"Welinski is just going to help be a veteran guy down in Rockford and hopefully play a big part in their push to the playoffs," general manager Kyle Davidson said. "Obviously it helps to have depth and defense should anything go sideways from an injury standpoint up here, but the plan is for him to play out the year in Rockford."

Nikita Zaitsev, defenseman

Age: 31 **Size:** 6-2, 192

Acquired: Part of Feb. 22 trade package along with a 2023 second-round pick and 2026 fourth-rounder in a salary-cap dump for the Senators

The rundown: His arrival was stalled by a visa issue, but he since has played four games for the Hawks.

His NHL road has been bumpy: injuries, healthy scratches and a brief stint in the minors. "It was a scrambly season, honestly."

Zaitsev, who sits next to Entwistle in the locker room, was friends with former Hawks center Artem Anisimov. Now on the Hawks, Zaitsev said he hopes to prove "I'm just a worker. I'm working harder every night."

Richardson remembers him as a quiet competitor with Toronto and Ottawa: "Just all about business."

RIDES

The 2023 Chevrolet Bolt EV. **GENERAL MOTORS**

The 2023 Nissan Leaf. **NISSAN**

The 2023 Volkswagen ID.4. **VOLKSWAGEN**

The 2023 Hyundai Kona EV. **HYUNDAI MOTOR**

Burgeoning technology

Edmunds experts assemble roster of most affordable electric vehicles for 2023

By Miles Branman
Edmunds

The 2023 Mini Cooper SE. **MINI**

The push for new, appealing electric vehicles has gained considerable momentum recently. The next few years will see a rollout of EVs in every popular automotive segment, increasing competition and decreasing prices. At the moment, however, all-electric vehicle development costs remain high and most new additions are priced well above equivalent gas-powered models.

That means the list of economical EVs isn't yet extensive, but it does include a handful of cars starting under $40,000. Edmunds has assembled a roster of five affordable options for 2023 sorted by price. Some of these models will further qualify for federal tax credits that now require American assembly and parts sourcing.

Chevy Bolt EV

Helping pioneer the mass-production EV landscape in 2017, the Chevy Bolt EV tackled range anxiety and affordability in a practical package. The updated version introduced last year adds a more appealing interior ambiance while maintaining competitive range and zippy performance.

The Bolt EV isn't perfect, with a firm ride and smallish cargo area, but it is now the least expensive electric vehicle for 2023 thanks to a huge price cut. We also proved the Bolt EV can travel 278 miles on a single charge, besting its EPA-estimated range by 19 miles. If the hatchback body isn't appealing, Chevy also offers an SUV-like version, the Bolt EUV, that has more interior room. Bolt models purchased before March should qualify for the $7,500 federal tax credit.

Starting price: $27,495

Nissan Leaf

The first-generation Nissan Leaf was a quirky car with a short range that attracted early adopters and those hoping to cash in on incentives, but the current model is much easier on the eyes and touts a respectable driving range.

We like the Leaf for its quiet, comfortable ride and many standard features. Fast charging won't always be possible thanks to the Leaf's less popular port design. The entry-level S trim is limited to just 149 miles of range too. But Edmunds' real-world test of the SV Plus model that has a bigger battery resulted in a useful 237 miles. Nissan Leaf models purchased before March should qualify for the $7,500 federal tax credit.

Starting price: $29,135

Mini Cooper SE

The Mini Cooper SE is an all-electric version of the regular Cooper Hardtop 2 Door. Being based on a regular Mini provides some benefits. It's fun to drive and a cinch to fit into tight parking spaces. It's also chic in the way that only a Mini can be. But there are downsides, too. Most significantly, the Cooper SE has a tiny trunk and back seat, making it the least practical EV on our list.

Shoppers should also be aware that Cooper SE is limited in range. Its EPA-quoted 114-mile range is quite a bit less than some competitors, although Edmunds managed to get 150 miles from it in real-world driving. If space and distance aren't major constraints, the Cooper SE's daily driving entertainment might make it all worth it.

Starting price: $35,220

Hyundai Kona Electric

The Kona Electric is one of Edmunds' favorite small EVs. Boasting a well-equipped cabin, nimble dynamics and a composed ride, the Kona Electric makes a big value play for under $35K. We were also pleasantly surprised by the Kona EV's real-world range of 308 miles, which bests its EPA rating by about 50 miles.

Downsides include a tight back seat and a lack of availability in all 50 states. But bolstered by a long warranty period and excellent build quality, Hyundai's electric crossover is an easier sell than some of its competitors.

Starting price: $34,885

Volkswagen ID.4

Volkswagen's first all-electric vehicle enters its third model year for 2023. Regardless of trim or battery size, the ID.4 offers impressive cargo and passenger space, useful standard driver assist features and a smooth ride. Buyers, though, might find the ID.4's cabin controls to be frustrating and ample plastics to feel cheap.

The new entry-level S trim is rated at 209 miles of range and the longest-range rear-wheel-drive variant is rated at 275 miles. Our real-world test of the rear-drive model returned 287 miles on a single charge. Thanks to new U.S.-based production, 2023 ID.4 models purchased before March should qualify for the $7,500 federal tax credit.

Starting price: $40,290

Edmunds says: The coming years should bring a decline in EV prices as parts and development costs begin to decrease. This will lead to greater competition and increased adoption of this burgeoning technology.

AAA: Motorists fear riding in self-driving vehicles

By Charles E. Ramirez
The Detroit News

DREAMSTIME

More drivers this year are afraid of riding in a self-driving vehicle than last year, according to a new AAA survey.

Sixty-eight percent of drivers are afraid of riding in a self-driving vehicle, up from 55% in 2022, the poll found. AAA said it's also the largest annual increase in the survey since 2020.

"We did not expect such a dramatic shift in consumer concerns from previous years," Adrienne Woodland, a spokeswoman for the auto club, said in a statement. "Though it isn't entirely surprising, given the number of high-profile crashes that have recently occurred from over-reliance on current vehicle technologies."

The study also found there are a lot of misconceptions about automated vehicles. Nearly one in 10 drivers believe they can buy a vehicle that drives itself while they sleep — which isn't true — according to its findings. AAA said the perception a car can drive itself while its operator is sleeping may stem from social media videos of motorists misusing driver assistance technology. The survey also found that the names manufacturers have given their vehicle systems confuse consumers: 22% of Americans expect driver support systems with names such as Autopilot, ProPILOT, or Pilot Assist can drive a car by itself without any supervision.

"Most new vehicles are equipped with some level of advanced driver assistance technology, which can enhance the safety of motorists if used properly," Woodland said. "However, it's important to clarify that there are currently no vehicles available for purchase that allow someone to fully disengage from the task of driving."

Still, consumers are not completely against advanced vehicle technology. Six in 10 drivers said they would "definitely" or "probably" want things like blind-spot warning, adaptive cruise control and automatic emergency braking in their next car purchase.

DREAMSTIME

Rev it up after starting?

Bob Weber
Motormouth

Q: I seem to recall being told many times that one should not rev the engine when first starting it because the oil has not yet reached all the components (or something like that). If that is true, why do engines idle so high when you first start the car? Taping the accelerator pedal doesn't seem to drop the idle speed. Bowing to your wisdom.
— A.A., Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

A: During cold soak (the industry term for sitting for a while), a little bit of oil slips away from components, but not enough to result in damage when starting. A cold engine needs extra fuel because the gasoline doesn't vaporize easily. In olden days, the choke limited the air, resulting in a richer fuel mixture, and you could tap the gas pedal to release the choke and the high idle. Fuel injection maintains the proper amount of gas and engine speed.

Q: I have a 2021 Subaru Outback and the headlights are aimed too high. The dealership says they cannot be adjusted. Isn't this a safety hazard to the oncoming driver as well as to me from road rage?
— J.B., Tully, New York

A: This is a somewhat common complaint. I believe the headlights can be adjusted. All you or your auto tech need is a super long Phillips screwdriver.

Q: I have a 2010 Ford Fusion Sport. Love it. The tire pressure sensor fault message comes up on the dash. It has done this before then magically gone away. Recently put on a new set of tires and although not immediately, the fault message is back. My mechanic says they can hook up a device that can find a fault but somehow if a fault is found on one it can incorrectly give a fault reading on others. So, would it be best just to buy a set of new sensors and replace all instead of finding possibly only one faulty sensor?
— D.W., Virginia Beach, Virginia

A: The TPMS (tire pressure monitoring system) sensors for your car come as a 4-pack, which costs about $50. Get them all and get peace of mind.

Q: I recently had the oil changed in my 2019 Hyundai Elantra GT and when I left the dealer's service area, I noticed a louder than normal "grumbling" from the engine as I accelerated from a stop to 25 or 30 mph. The sound seemed to stop at that point. I love the Elantra, but it's not the quietest ride I've ever had, so I didn't think much of it. This continued for a couple weeks before I decided to go back to the dealer to have it checked out. After about 15 minutes, the service manager came out and told me that the "air box" had been left open, I assume during the oil change. He said that they closed it and that it wouldn't have caused any problems. Sure enough, as I drove away, the grumbling noise was gone. I had never heard of an air box. Is it a real thing? Is it OK to drive when it's open?
— R.K., Michigan City, Indiana

A: The air box houses the air filter. It is OK to drive with it open for a while, but not all the time. Your engine doesn't like sucking in dirt. Since the air filter sits beneath the cover, it has been doing its job without its lid.

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AUTO REVIEW

Land Rover Defender 130 stretched to fit whole family

By Larry Printz
Tribune News Service

The 2023 Land Rover Defender was designed to be what seems like a contemporary riff on the legendary offroader and is every bit as capable.

True, its design lacks the archaic attributes of its predecessor, which developed as a result of a lack of budget rather than from any grand product scheme. And, as a result, some Defender aficionados might view the new model as little more than a low-res cartoon of what's come before.

But to condemn the new Defender so offhandedly is to ignore its very real capability, whether you opt for the two-door 90 or four-door 110. But now comes an even bigger variant, the 130, boasting a cul-de-sac friendly three rows of seats. But the question remains, can the Defender still be a backwoods baller once it's stretched to accommodate rugrats?

Before you answer, consider this: Both four-door Defenders, the 110 and 130, share the same 119-inch wheelbase. The big difference comes in the back, where there's an additional 13.38 inches of length to accommodate another row of seating.

Like other Defenders, a 3.0-liter turbocharged inline-six mild hybrid system powers it, developing 296 horsepower and 347 pound-feet of torque in the P300 and 395 horsepower and 406 pound-feet of torque in the P400. That's good enough for a zero to 60 mph run of 7.5 seconds in P300 trim, 6.3 seconds in P400 trim.

The driveline comes with a two-speed transfer case, a locking center differential and Land Rover's pioneering Terrain Response System.

To put this automotive hallway to the test, I took the P400 to the off-road trails of Biltmore in Asheville, North Carolina, where Land Rover has an off-road driving school, to see if the extra length was an issue.

The extra length endows the Land Rover Defender 130 with a different character from its shorter siblings, particularly the Land Rover Defender 90, which most resembles the original that most of us know and love. It's a different animal, a bit more sophisticated and a little less rugged than the others, even though it's not. Perhaps it's because the longer body brings to mind any number of people movers, none of which go any farther off-road than running into the bush at the end of the driveway.

For traversing uncivilized terrain, few vehicles match the Land Rover Defender 130 for sheer ability. Climb over a rock bed, drop down a steep hillside, plow through a mud bog or ford a stream; the 130 handles it. But baby's got back, so cornering off-road means being mindful of its full length as you pivot around a large craggy rock or crest a hill. Yet the steering seems ideally weighted for such delicate off-road maneuvers.

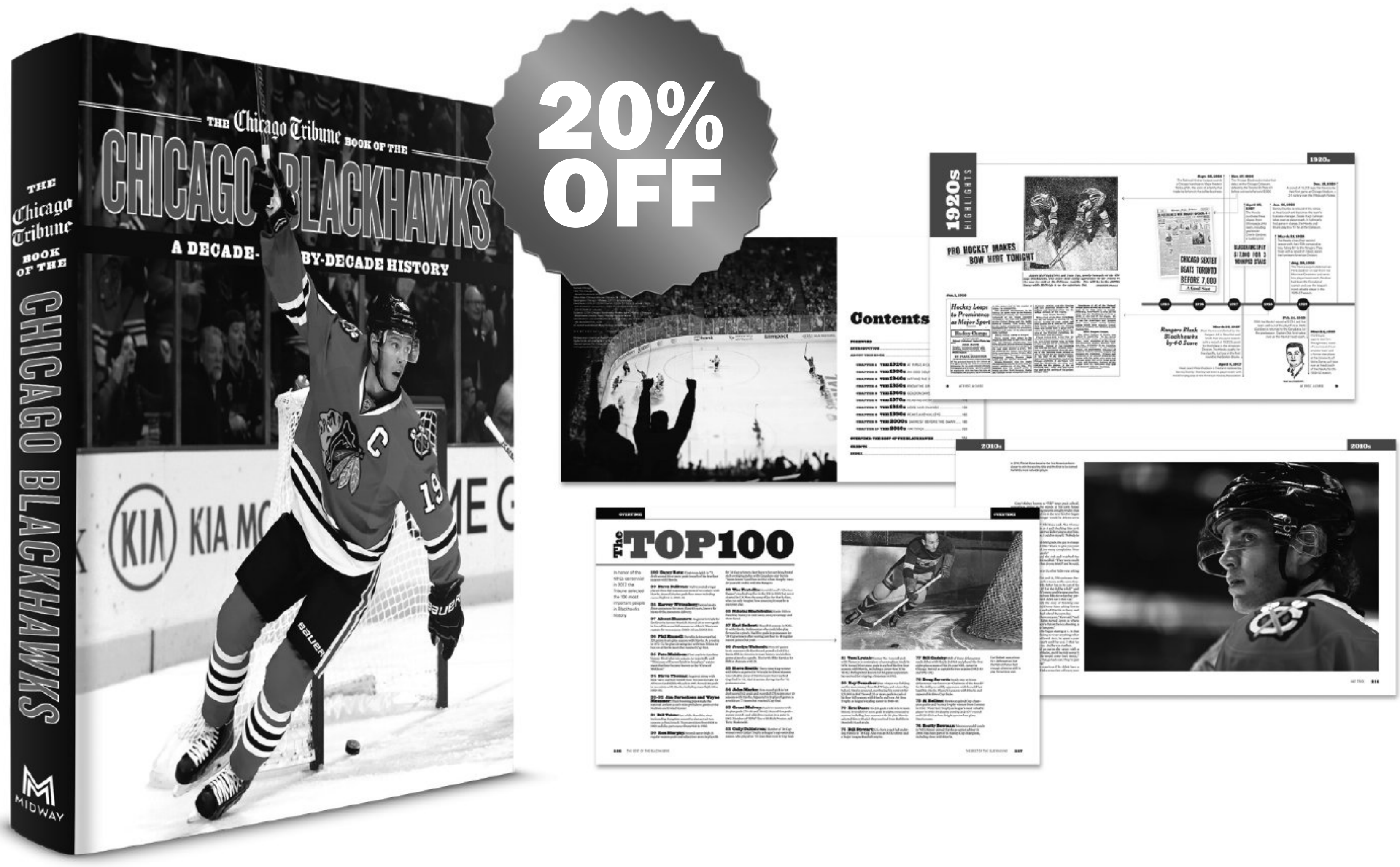
Performance feels the same as any other Defender. Yet its manner remains unaffected. It still possesses the wheel articulation you need for extreme rock crawling while delivering the comfy ride on-road without any undue side-to-side theatrics. And it's blessedly quiet. Yet that length brings with it room for extra passengers, or extra stuff. The third row, which includes seat heaters on top trim levels, is best left to the shorter folks in your life, although the second row is fairly accommodating, as it is in the 110. But you might be surprised once you fold the seats; the vehicle lacks a flat load floor, a serious shortcoming in an otherwise exemplary luxury offroader.

So, if you've been jonesing for a Defender but needed one to cart the whole brood, this may be your answer.

The 2023 Land Rover Defender 130. **LAND ROVER**

2023 Land Rover Defender 130

Base price: $69,475
Engine: Supercharged, turbocharged, and intercooled DOHC inline-6
EPA fuel economy (city/highway): 17/21 mpg
Length/Width/Height: 200.8/79.1/77.6 inches
Ground clearance: 8.5-11.5 inches
Payload: 1,880 lbs
Cargo capacity: 14-81 cubic feet
Towing capacity: 8,201 lbs



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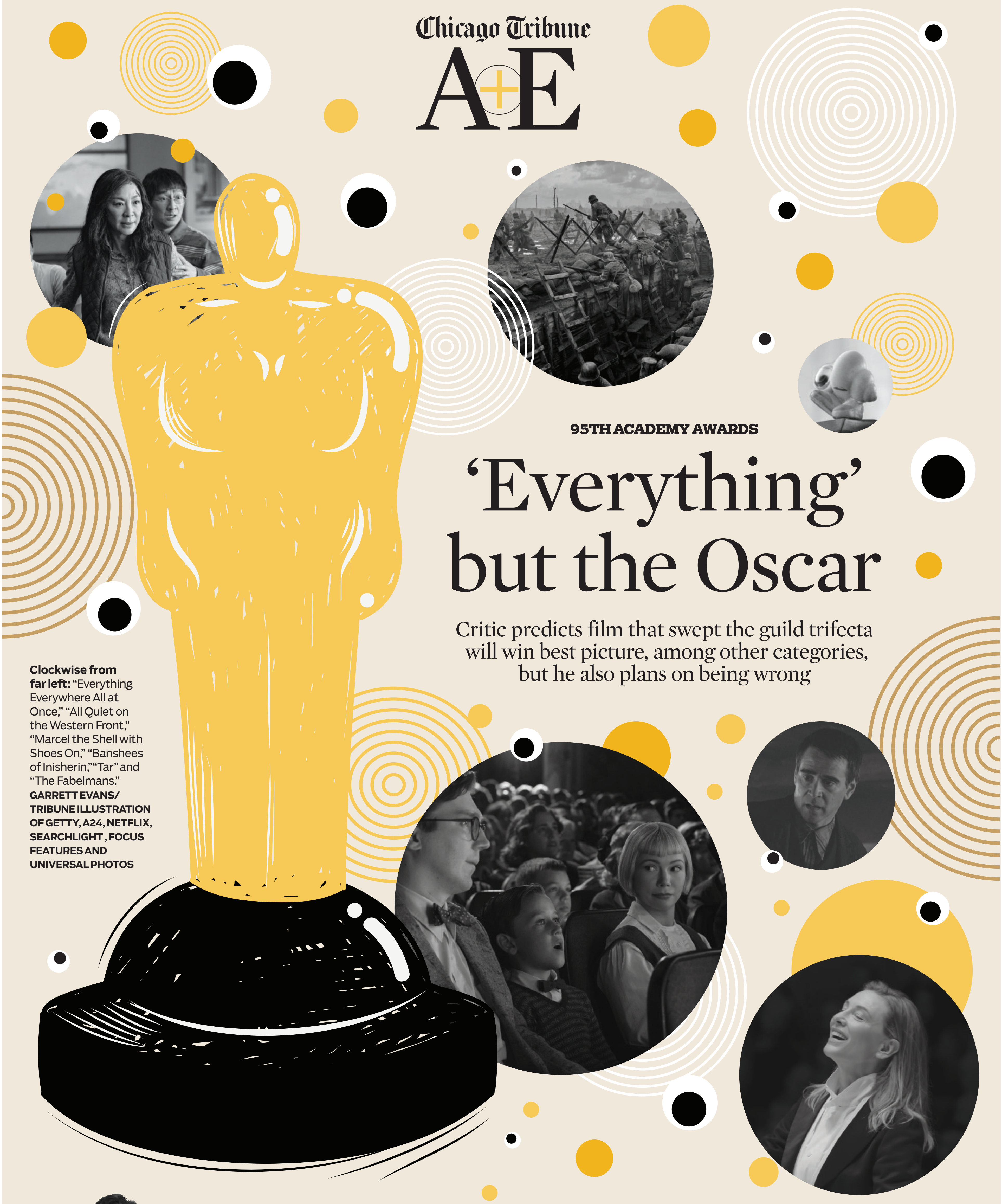

Clockwise from far left: "Everything Everywhere All at Once," "All Quiet on the Western Front," "Marcel the Shell with Shoes On," "Banshees of Inisherin,""Tar" and "The Fabelmans." **GARRETT EVANS/ TRIBUNE ILLUSTRATION OF GETTY, A24, NETFLIX, SEARCHLIGHT , FOCUS FEATURES AND UNIVERSAL PHOTOS**

95TH ACADEMY AWARDS

'Everything' but the Oscar

Critic predicts film that swept the guild trifecta will win best picture, among other categories, but he also plans on being wrong

Michael Phillips

Warning: The following consists of unreliable Oscar night guesswork and raw, untrammeled favoritism.

But first! Give it up for the 95th Academy Awards on Sunday! They're only one year older than the priceless James Hong, my fellow University of Minnesota alum and one of the greatest character actors we have in this universe. Though Hong was not nominated (mistake!) for this year's likely best picture frontrunner, "Everything Everywhere All at Once," he's a crucial player — and a welcome master of steely comic calm — in that film's tale of one beleaguered family, a troubled mother-daughter relationship and an infinite array of realities.

Stats first. "Everything Everywhere All at Once" has won nearly everything it can up to now, notably the Directors Guild Award, the Producers Guild Award and the Screen Actors Guild Award.

As noted by Los Angeles Times Oscarmeister Glenn Whipp: Across the last eight out of nine times, if a film swept the guild trifecta, it went on to win best picture on Oscar night.

The exception? In 1996, "Apollo 13" lost to "Braveheart." So if "Everything Everywhere All at Once" loses to, say, "All Quiet on the Western Front" — much admired for its technical proficiency and its determination to grind guts, both on screen and in viewers' bellies — it'll be an upset.

The dubiously slick new adaptation of the Erich Maria Remarque novel "All Quiet on the Western Front," which points its middle finger directly at the French in ways Remarque did not, lays into the miseries of trench warfare in World War I. It deploys every digital blood squib and slick, artful,

Turn to Oscars, *Page 7*

A look at the obscure 'The Golden Gloves Story'

When it ventured into the boxing movie business, the Tribune learned it wasn't so easy

Film collector Mitch Levin sits by a painting of World Middleweight Champ Stanley Ketchel at his home on Monday in Skokie. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

By Michael Phillips
Chicago Tribune

You've heard about "Creed III." It's the latest in a long line of boxing movies, snaking back to the end of the 19th century. The third chapter in the "Creed" saga, born of the "Rocky" saga, made history last weekend: It did better business in the U.S., not adjusted for inflation, than any previous opening-weekend sports movie, ever.

So. The boxing genre is doing all right.

Boxing films have it all, starting and ending with a metaphoric stage inside the screen. That stage, the boxing ring, crystallizes conflict, combat and redemption, or downfall, on a square patch of destiny. There's your purple prose for the month: It's good for you, like fiber.

ON PAGE A1
100 Years for the Golden Gloves: The amateur boxing tournament was started in Chicago in 1923 and has seen a rich century of history, writes the Tribune's Rick Kogan.

The post-World War II years were especially rich: John Garfield in "Body and Soul." Kirk Douglas in "Champion." Robert Ryan, Chicago's own, in "The Set-Up." Tormented, flawed individuals played by giants. Boxing and film noir: another match made by destiny.

It is a hardy, long-lived genre, rediscovered anew every generation, in 1999 thanks to Denzel Washington in "The Hurricane." Or best-picture Oscar winners "Rocky" and "Million Dollar Baby." And, though it has a slight edge on "Rocky" and "Million Dollar Baby" in terms of cinema, there's always "Raging Bull," to many the artistic pinnacle of the form, even if some of us — including the man who made it, Martin Scorsese — remain forever more devoted to the films that inspired it.

But have you heard of "The Golden Gloves Story" from 1950?

There's a tale behind that obscure title, one that illustrates how the Chicago Tribune used to operate and what they promoted, relentlessly. Longtime Tribune sports editor Arch Ward was a key figure behind the creation of both the Golden Gloves *and* the Major League Baseball All-Star Game. And in the late '40s, a plan was hatched to shoot a

Turn to Boxing, *Page 3*

‘I Don’t Wanna Be Too Cool’ is very, very cool

Kate Fagan’s new full-length album captures punk’s rise

Britt Julious

Chicago musician Kate Fagan since the 1980s has performed as a solo artist and as a member of the ska band Heavy Manners. **JOHN VON DORN**

“I think I’ve always been a woman that initiates action,” musician Kate Fagan said.

Fagan, who has performed as a solo artist and as a member of the influential Chicago ska band Heavy Manners, is geared to introduce her brand of declarative, action-oriented music for the reissue of her debut record, “I Don’t Wanna Be Too Cool,” which first released as a single in 1980. Fagan’s expanded, full-length album “I Don’t Want to Be Cool,” released at the end of February, captures the rise of punk and new wave in Chicago’s post-disco music scene.

At the time, Fagan arrived in Chicago from New York in the late 1970s. She spent her days working as a “crackerjack” secretary and her evenings as a waitress and bartender. Soon, she began to record and produce her own records.

“In terms of my day-to-day life, I had a lot of flexibility in my schedule to do music, to hang out, to stay out late, to create, to explore,” Fagan said.

But her vision was informed by her life before moving here. Having seen acts in New York like Blondie, the Ramones, Talking Heads and Television, among many others, Fagan said she had a deeper understanding of what was happening in the music scene. “I could jump in, and then start actualizing what my vision was, in terms of punk music,” she added.

“In a way, I think, Chicago for musicians, for me anyway, has this kind of Big Shoulders thing. That (strength), that depth kind of pushes you forward, too. So coming to Chicago, Chicago itself kind of sparked this thing in me to be bold, because it’s such a bold city. So the boldness kind of got into my blood too.”

Fagan used her music to explore her voice and assert her personality. Through creating and recording, she could express herself — a different, unexplored part of herself yearning to be free. “I was excited about the music, I wanted to be a part of it,” began Fagan. “And, you know, my intention was to draw attention to myself, so I could be part of a movement, be part of a time and place.”

Disillusioned by music that was “inauthentic to the author itself,” Fagan set out to DIY her creations. Adding to the energy and excitement of the music scene and the city was another primary goal.

The results of her efforts can be heard on “I Don’t Wanna Be Too Cool,” a ridiculously catchy, 27-minute long collection of eight songs. Confident, intelligent and charming, the record’s title track is a perfect slice of minimalist new wave and synth-pop. And despite Fagan’s intentions, the track is also very, very cool. Many younger fans, some who were born 10 to 20 years after she first released the single “I Don’t Wanna Be Too Cool,” seem to think so as well.

The track has gained a small following on TikTok, with young people, usually women, using the song as a soundtrack for videos showing them dressed in punk-like outfits. “I’m not going to be too cool as it’s defined by Glamour magazine or my parents or anybody else. I am just going to be who I am,” Fagan said about the people in the TikToks. “So I love that, the individuality and the authenticity of being yourself is still something that people really have caught on to, and it speaks for them.”

Many of the other tracks on the record invoke a similar sonic aesthetic to “I Don’t Wanna Be Too Cool,” with a flush of increasingly political lyrics that address and poke at the Reagan brand of politics sweeping the nation when Fagan first recorded them.

That particular point of view in Fagan’s music came in handy later in life when she became a member of Heavy Manners. “In doing ‘Too Cool,’ I guess I just wanted to assert myself in the scene,” Fagan reiterated. “But when it came to putting Heavy Manners together, it was very intentional, very intentional in musically what we wanted to do and what kind of band we wanted to be, and what kind of material we wanted to do.”

Since then, Fagan has written a rock opera and started a chapter of the Rock ’n’ Roll Camp for Girls. Currently living in New Orleans, she still writes songs about social justice while actively shedding a light on other up-and-coming musicians.

“I feel really kind of privileged because there were so many great people in the punk and new wave scene in Chicago, and to be kind of singled out. It really feels like a real privilege to me. A real, you know, kind of a strange, kind of fateful thing that suddenly there’s a resurgence of interest in what I’ve had to say in music,” Fagan said. “That’s what I still do. I try to create something out of nothing. And then take it to the limit. Take that as far as it can go.”

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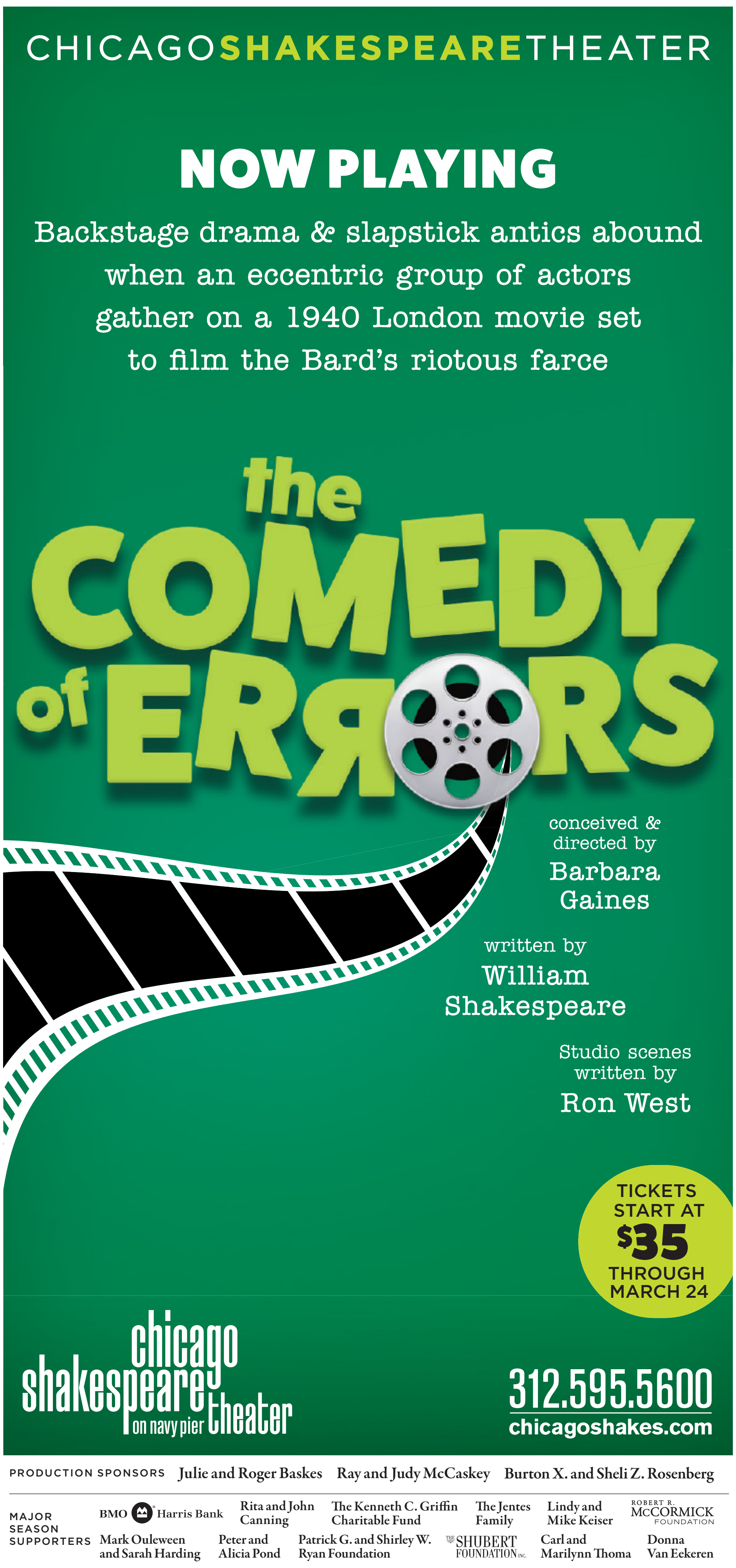
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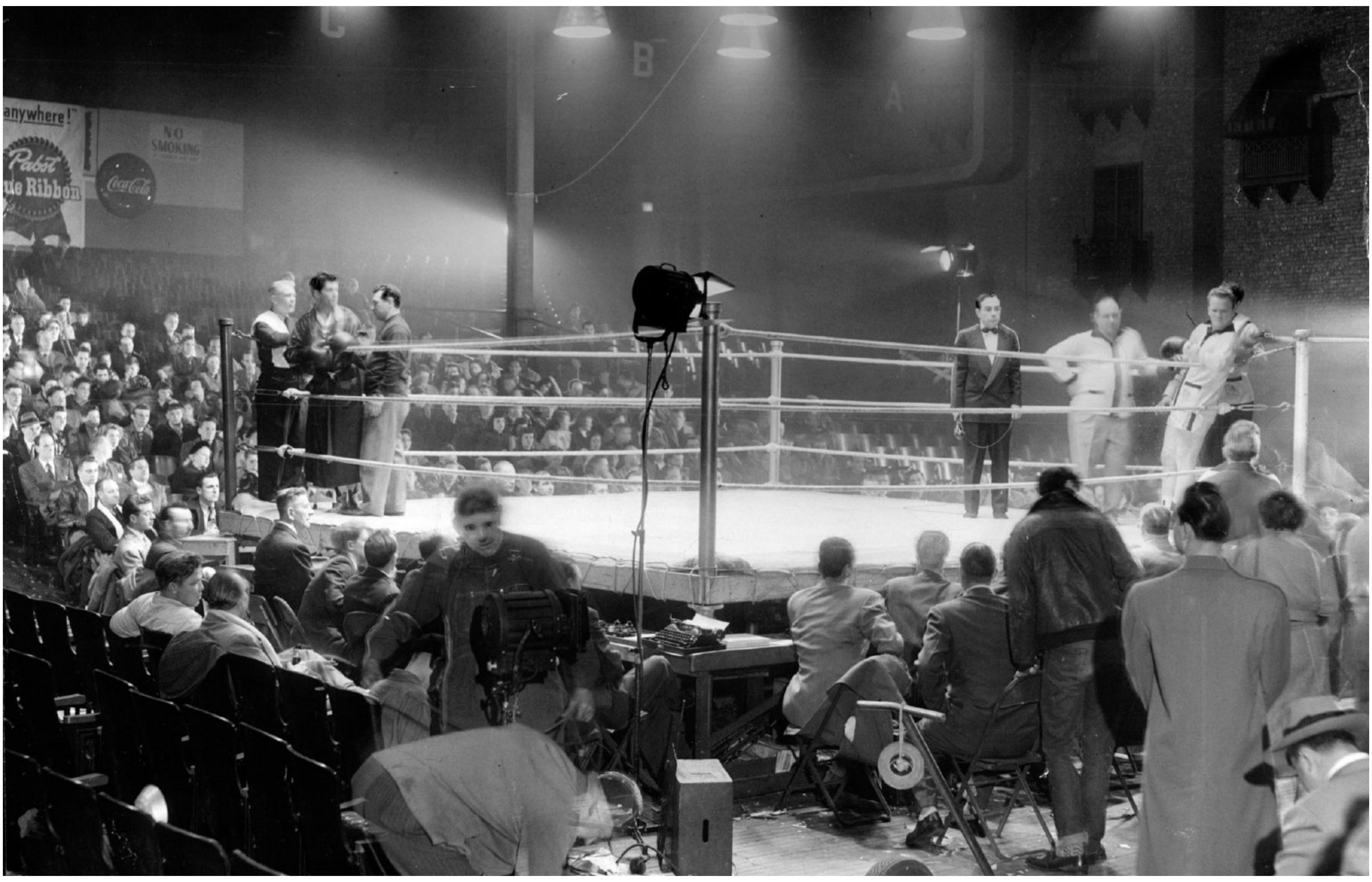

A fictional Golden Gloves boxing match is created at Rainbo Arena on Clark Street in Chicago for the filming of "The Golden Gloves Story" on Nov. 25, 1949. **CHICAGO TRIBUNE HISTORICAL PHOTOS**

Boxing

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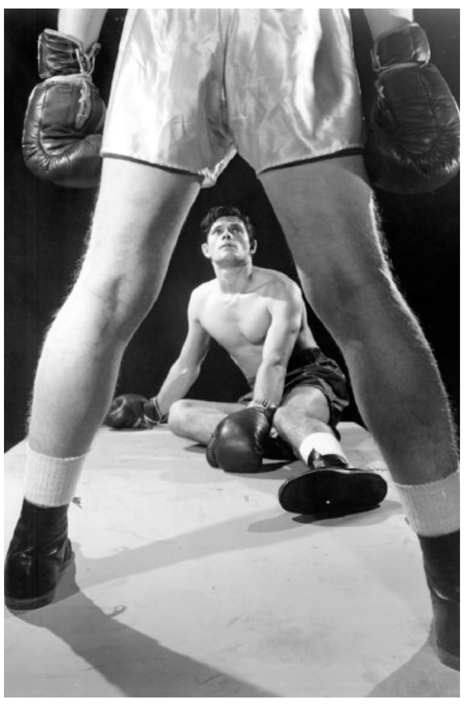
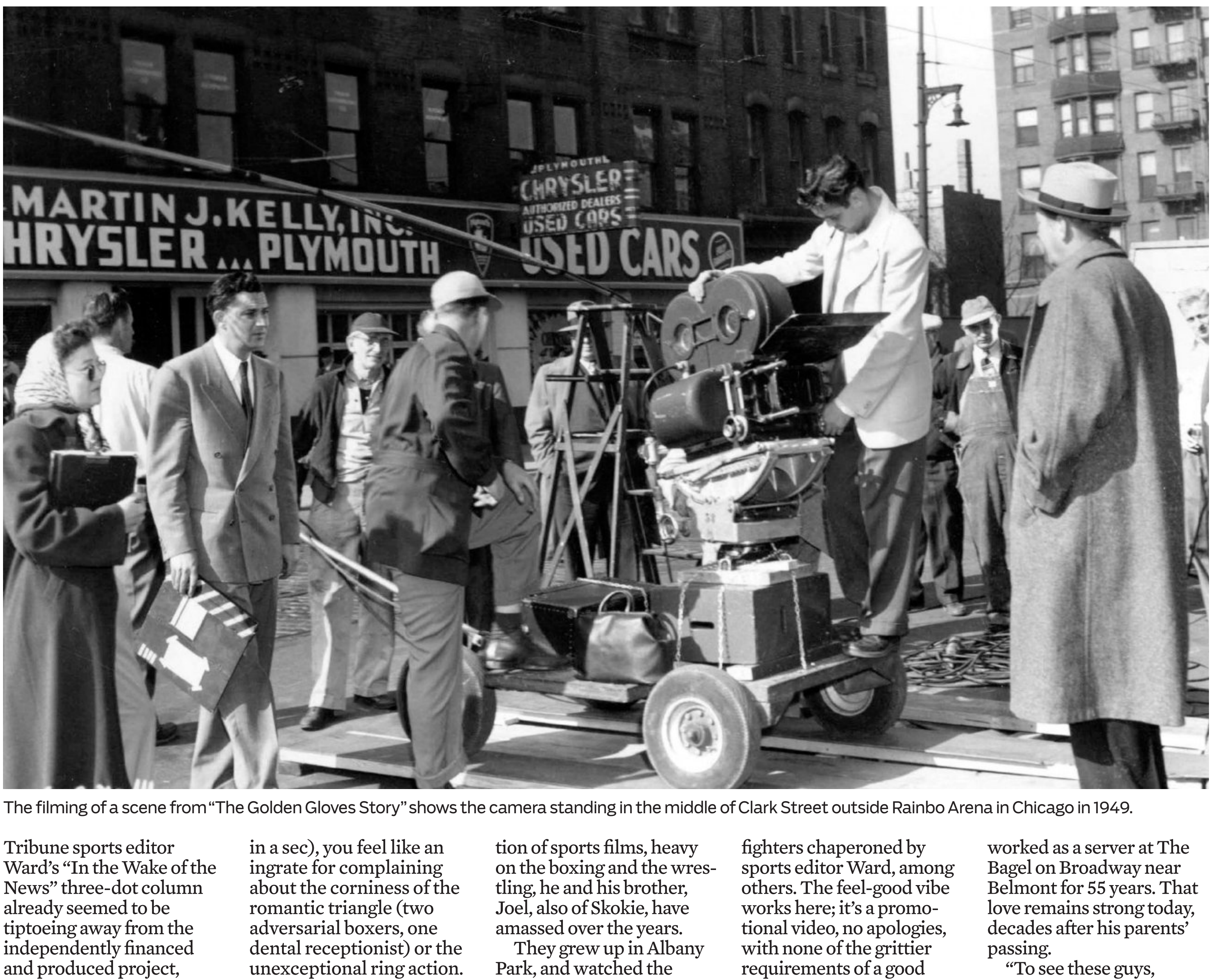
During a scene from "The Golden Gloves Story," boxer Nick Martel, right, and boxing referee Joe Riley share a tense moment. Martel is played by Dewey Martin; Riley is played by James Dunn.



A still from the movie "The Golden Gloves Story" shows main character Nick Martel on the ground. The film was released in 1950.



The filming of a scene from "The Golden Gloves Story" shows the camera standing in the middle of Clark Street outside Rainbo Arena in Chicago in 1949.

Baseball All-Star Game. And in the late '40s, a plan was hatched to shoot a feature film, fictional but soberly respectful of the real-life Golden Gloves tournament and its belief in good, clean combat.

A little about the film you don't know anything about:

"The Golden Gloves Story" was made with money raised from Chicago backers, about $500,000. Lawyers, businessmen, "manufacturers, retailers and professional men," is how a Tribune story from 1950 put it.

The screenplay concerns a promising Chicago Golden Gloves fighter, played by Dewey Martin, suspected of murder but meantime smitten with the dental receptionist daughter (Kay Westfall) of boxing referee Joe Riley. Joe's an amiable straight arrow, played by the movie's marquee attraction, James Dunn, who won a supporting actor Oscar for "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" (1945).

Seventy-six minutes long, director Felix Feist's scrappy independent movie, more heart than finesse (but that's true of a lot of boxers, too), was photographed on location in Chicago, with the Tribune's Arch Ward portraying himself. As does WGN's Jack Brickhouse, and a variety of sports writers.

How's the movie? No KO. No TKO. Pretty stiff. Pretty square. But it's an irresistible time capsule, just to see the streets, apartments and gymnasiums of Chicago as they were in late 1949. It's also nearly impossible to see in this country. It's not streaming anywhere, or available on DVD, even. Amazon UK sells DVD copies, but this is not the UK.

The film, as the opening credits point out, was produced "with the whole-hearted cooperation of sportsmen under the auspices of the Chicago Tribune Charities, Inc." The script of "The Golden Gloves Story" plays as if written by a morals committee sweating every page to ensure no further harm comes to the image of boxing. A January 1950 Tribune feature on the film notes that its hoped-for success might help Chicago "make a comeback as a (film) producing center," as it was, for a few years, in the silent era. The story also notes that its storyline is "something different — not a sordid exhibition of bribery, thrown fights, brutality, alley brawls, broken promises and illicit love." To which the average 1950 or the average 2023 moviegoer might respond with: Shoot! Not even a *little* of that stuff?

Two months after the film's Oriental Theatre premiere, preceded by a parade down State Street, Tribune sports editor Ward's "In the Wake of the News" three-dot column already seemed to be tiptoeing away from the independently financed and produced project, which didn't so much sink like a stone as plip like a pebble with the larger U.S. market.

The Tribune, Ward stressed, was initially "not enthusiastic" about a fictional Golden Gloves boxing movie. It sounded "unsavory," he wrote, and "we demanded the right of script approval before even discussing the proposition." He added that it was "a challenge" to the producer and the director to make "an entertaining picture with the restrictions imposed on them."

Watching "The Golden Gloves Story" today, in a DVD dupe of a rare 16 mm copy (more on that in a sec), you feel like an ingrate for complaining about the corniness of the romantic triangle (two adversarial boxers, one dental receptionist) or the unexceptional ring action. To see Chicago as itself, in a movie about a newspaper's boxing promotion and charity fundraiser that became a very big thing, is like hopping in H.G. Wells' time machine and setting it to when "The Golden Gloves Story" was filmed. The year 1949 was great for screen knockouts, with two exceptional boxing films of Hollywood pedigree: "The Set-Up" and "Champion."

Mitch Levin, now retired and living in Skokie, knows those movies inside out. He knows "The Golden Gloves Story," too, because he owns one of a handful of 16 mm copies in existence. It's part of a 250-hour collection of sports films, heavy on the boxing and the wrestling, he and his brother, Joel, also of Skokie, have amassed over the years.

They grew up in Albany Park, and watched the fights on TV with their father when TV was relatively new and boxing was supreme. "The Friday Night Fight, sponsored by Pabst Blue Ribbon," Mitch says. We're at a booth at an IHOP, talking boxing and boxing movies.

Turning 79 later this month, Mitch also has a rare 16 mm copy of another Tribune-sponsored Golden Gloves film, this one a promotional travelogue running 38 minutes, from 1952. It's called "Golden Gloves Across the Sea," and it's swell, chronicling (to the voice of announcer Jack Brickhouse) the European tour undertaken by a group of 10 or so young amateur fighters chaperoned by sports editor Ward, among others. The feel-good vibe works here; it's a promotional video, no apologies, with none of the grittier requirements of a good boxing drama.

Levin recalls going to a lot of the Golden Glove fights at the St. Andrew School gymnasium on Addison near Lincoln on the North Side. He remembers the bleacher seats. "No frills. Hot dogs, Cokes."

His favorite fighter? That's easy, he says: Stanisław Kiecal, aka Stanley Ketchel, World Middleweight Champ. Nickname: "The Michigan Assassin." He died at 24, murdered in Conway, Missouri. Hemingway wrote a short story inspired by him, The Light of the World."

Levin's love of boxing started with his father, who drove a cab; his mother worked as a server at The Bagel on Broadway near Belmont for 55 years. That love remains strong today, decades after his parents' passing.

"To see these guys, whether they're Golden Glove amateurs or the greats, do things you could never do — it's amazing," he says, finishing up his coffee. "It's not my quote" — it comes from William Shenstone, 18th-century English poet — "but I like it: 'Whoever excels in what we prize, appears a hero in our eyes.' You know what I mean?"

There's a lesson in that, he figures. "Even if you lose, well, you had the guts to get in the ring."

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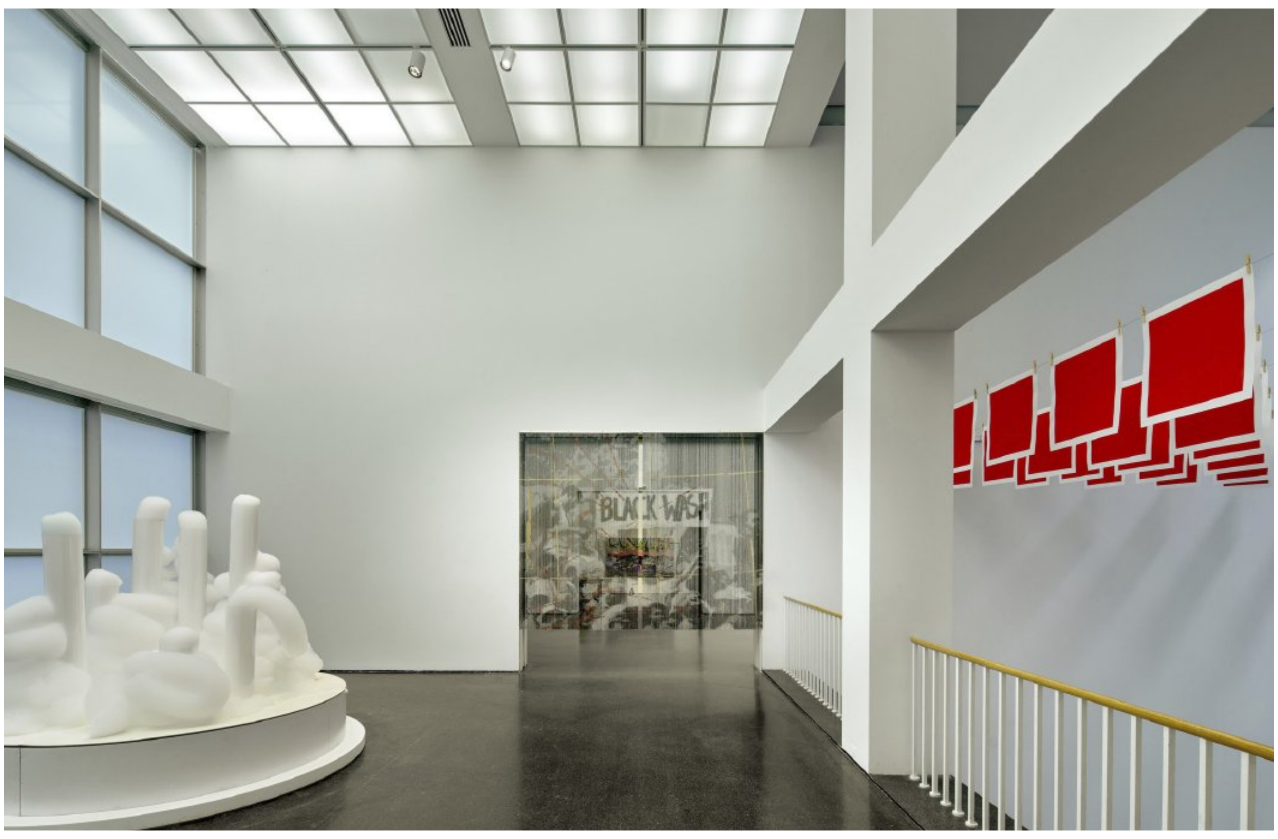
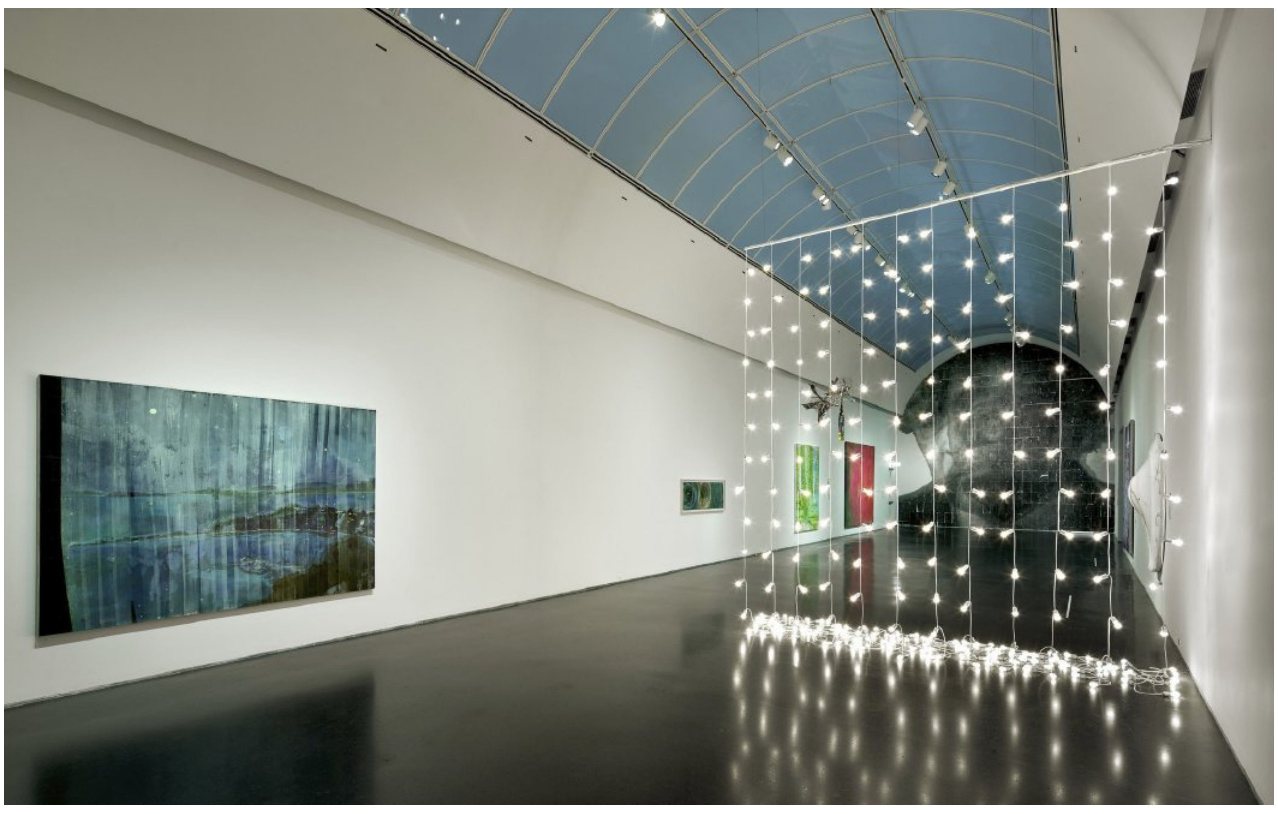
REVIEW

‘Forecast Form’ shows the Caribbean is not what you think

Palm trees? Beaches? Group exhibition at MCA goes doesn’t go there.



Works by David Medalla, Cosmo Whyte and Alvaro Barrios in “Forecast Form: Art in the Caribbean Diaspora, 1990s - Today” at Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago. **MICHAEL DAVID ROSE PHOTOS**



Works by Peter Doig and Felix Gonzalez-Torres in “Forecast Form: Art in the Caribbean Diaspora, 1990s - Today” at Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago.

Lori Waxman

Ah, the Caribbean: islands of pleasure with balmy weather, palm trees that sway in the breeze, and miles of pristine beaches fronting turquoise bays. “Forecast Form: Art in the Caribbean Diaspora, 1990s-Today,” the stunningly atmospheric and intellectually lively group show filling the fourth-floor galleries of the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago through the end of April, is not about that place.

The show is not really even about a place at all but about the movement of people, commodities, money, weather, culture, power, forms and ideas, all of it somehow tied to Guyana or Cuba or the Dominican Republic or Haiti or one of the other countries and territories that officially constitute the region.

Indeed, my great favorites in a show full of contenders deal explicitly with motion. Zilia Sánchez, the oldest living artist in “Forecast Form” at 97, presents two of the shaped, wryly erotic paintings she has been making since the 1960s: a breast-like diptych tattooed with meandering lines that trace her displacement, in the aftermath of the Cuban Revolution, from Havana to Madrid to New York to San Juan, Puerto Rico, and a pyramidal self-portrait-as-an-island, which she repeatedly tossed into the surf only to have it return again and again. (And again: it’s on display in the museum, looking very beat up.)

A trio of witty videos by Donna Conlon and Jonathan Harker, collaborators who live in Panama City, follows the unstoppable course of a mango rolling across an endless landscape of corrugated zinc roofing; a plastic water bottle (into which a secret message has been whispered) floating through flooded streams and streets; and a cascading line of colonial-era bricks, removed by the government during its repaving of the city’s fast-gentrifying historic district. Tropical fruit, garbage, environmental trouble and the domino effect of renewal projects, oh my. Thank goodness for the levity.

Many of the 38 included artists testify biographically to the flow of people that is migration, born and raised in Denmark or the United States, maybe having spent significant amounts of time in St. Maarten or Barbados, maybe not. Donald Rodney, birthed in Birmingham, England, to Jamaican immigrants, offers a heartbreaking photograph of his outstretched hand, cradling a tiny house constructed of pinned-together pieces of his own skin, created shortly before his premature death from sickle cell anemia, in London. Julien Creuzet, who will represent France at the next Venice Biennale, was born in the Paris suburbs and raised in Martinique; his video “Crossroads” animates dancing figures tumorously embedded with limes, feathers, USB cables and colonial-era ships. The Scottish painter Peter Doig moved to Trinidad in 2002; his lush picture of a tropical coastline at night is obscured by filmy white strokes, as if seen through a veil of curtains or some less tangible differentiation.

The biggest stretch, geographically, might be the inclusion of a funky kinetic sculpture by David Medalla, a Filipino artist and political activist, connected to the Caribbean by way of a colonial history shared between Cuba, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Philippines, all former Spanish colonies. Medalla’s cluster of tall clear tubes continuously billows plumes of frothy bubbles, creating its own ever-changing cloudlike forms.

Some migration patterns were news to me, like the Middle East-Caribbean connection illustrated through Alia Farid’s “Mezquitas de Puerto Rico.” A genial prayer rug woven by artisans in Mashhad, Iran, of a cityscape of mosques, car traffic and mountains, it is based on photographs Farid, a native of Kuwait, took of Muslim places of worship found throughout Puerto Rico. A boisterous, oceanic tapestry by Suchitra Mattai, knotted together from old saris family and friends gave her, testifies to the waves of Indians, her ancestors included, who moved to British Guiana from the 1830s to early 1900s to work as indentured servants on sugar cane plantations after slavery was abolished.

The extraction of raw materials — sugar, but also natural gas, salt, pomegranates — informs many of the darkest works in “Forecast Form,” as does the infrastructure of international exchange, from tourism to industry. Christopher Cozier, a Trinidadian artist and co-director of the celebrated Port of Spain collective Alice Yard, presents “Gas Men,” a pair of cinematic videos in which two businessmen swing fuel lines as if they were cowboys with lassos, against a backdrop of a cloudy seascape that is actually Lake Michigan, making a noir comedy of the reckless petroleum sector that links Trinidad and Tobago with places like Chicago.

In each of her haunting portraits of enslaved Afro-Caribbean women, Joscelyn Gardner, a white Creole artist born in Barbados and living in Ontario, Canada, meticulously composites a head of intricately braided hair, seen respectfully from behind, a slave collar and a plant used to end unwanted pregnancies, the kind that resulted from sexual abuse on plantations, such as those committed by and detailed in the diaries of English plantation owner and amateur botanist Thomas Thistlewood, who lived in Jamaica in the 1700s.

A long U-shaped folded paper relief by the Honduran artist Adán Vallecillo, looking eerily like the Twin Towers, is actually a repository of pollution generated by the expansion of the Panama Canal and trapped in air and oil filters, like this one, gathered from adjacent auto repair shops and machinery.

“Forecast Form,” which was curated by the MCA’s Carla Acevedo-Yates, is as anti-essentializing about the Caribbean as an exhibition can be. And yet it is everywhere warm and colorful and lush — from the orange glow of Tavares Strachan’s monumental neon wall text in the entryway to the perfect blue sky and sea of Álvaro Barrios’ installation of hundreds of square prints from the ceiling of the atrium. Firelei Báez’s dozens of little paintings burst with magenta and ultramarine and yellow, brilliant even in the shadow of Teresita Fernández’s 16-foot-tall copper and wood palm tree.

But don’t be lulled by the beautiful view: the neon spells out “In broad daylight,” and it means violence, especially as committed against people of color, many of them from the Caribbean. The blue silk-screens, seen from the other side of the atrium, hang blood red and bear the title “El Mar de Cristóbal Colón.” Those little paintings are reproduction historical documents, bursting into flame and being devoured by female tricksters.

And that palm tree? Look carefully, it’s hanging from a noose.

“Forecast Form” runs through April 23 at the MCA Chicago, 220 E. Chicago Ave.; more information at 312-280-2660 and mcachicago.org

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MY WORST MOMENT BRITTANI NICHOLS

‘Abbott’ writer wishes she knew about the spit bucket

By Nina Metz
Chicago Tribune

Chicago native and comedian Brittani Nichols is a writer and producer for “Abbott Elementary.” **ROBIN ROEMER**

Chicago native and comedian Brittani Nichols is a writer on ABC’s “Abbott Elementary.” Quinta Brunson, the show’s creator and star, spent time in Chicago earlier in her career taking classes at Second City, but ironically, that Chicago connection is not how they met.

Nichols wound up meeting Brunson when they both worked on a BuzzFeed web series called “You Do You.” They would again work together on HBO’s “A Black Lady Sketch Show.” How did that lead to the ABC sitcom?

Around the time “Abbott Elementary” was first coming together, Nichols had sold a show to the streaming platform Quibi, which later went out of business. As Nichols looked around for her next project, Brunson mentioned: “I have this pilot at ABC and if it goes, just keep it in mind as you make decisions.”

This season, Nichols said she’s been drawn to writing for Gregory. “To me, he’s really the straight man of Abbott. He’s the one looking around and thinking: ‘No, everyone around here is nuts, and I’m the normal one.’ A lot of his quirks and eccentricities are infused with the personalities of all the writers, so it’s fun to throw bits of us into Gregory.”

Though primarily a writer, Nichols has also appeared on camera. When asked about a worst moment in her career, she recalled her role on the Amazon series “Transparent.”

My worst moment ...

“I’m going to give you some context: I had never eaten a bagel until I was in college. And in my first interaction with a bagel, I accidentally put sour cream on it because I didn’t know what cream cheese was. This was at Yale and we had a condiment station; there were several white condiments that weren’t labeled, and you just kind of had to be able to tell them apart. And I had never had sour cream or cream cheese, but I had seen people putting white stuff on a bagel. I clearly picked the wrong one.

“So I swore off bagels after that. At the time, I didn’t realize I had put the wrong thing on it, and I thought: I just don’t like bagels. And I literally didn’t have another bagel until this story I’m about to tell you.

“Cut to August 2015, I’d been cast in ‘Transparent’ playing one of Carrie Brownstein’s best friends (Brownstein played a character named Syd Feldman). I got cast off of meeting the show’s creator Joey Soloway at a Pride event and a mutual friend was like, ‘Brittani’s really funny!’ and days later I had an offer in my inbox.

“But I was so new, I truly had no idea how anything worked in TV. I had been a production assistant and I had been in jobs *around* the industry. And I had shot my own web series. But as far as a real TV set with professionals on the Paramount lot? No. I was so overwhelmed most of the time I was there. People don’t talk about the small things that make you realize: Oh, this is truly my first time because I don’t know how to navigate this situation. Like, do I just hang out in my trailer until someone comes to get me? No one tells you this stuff.

“So this was the last episode I was going to be appearing in. And the scene is with the whole Pfefferman family. It’s Yom Kippur in the episode and, of course, I had no idea what that is — I had no idea about any Jewish holidays. But this is a show about a Jewish family, so bagels are part of their lives.

“We’re at this dinner and the whole gang is there. My character was there to sort of break some of the awkward tension. And we’re given bagels to eat because that’s what they’re breaking their fast with.

“In the action line for the episode, it says something like: ‘She feasts on bagels.’ I’m supposed to be aggressively eating bagels. And I take that to heart *(laughs)*.

“I don’t have any lines in this scene. My job was to eat bagels and make faces. But I can tell that the camera is catching me a fair amount of the time. I don’t know what take that they’re going to use. But I know that the action says I’m supposed to feast on these bagels. Again, I have not eaten a bagel since my very unfortunate situation in college.

“Well, I end up eating not one bagel, not two bagels, but *four* bagels. That’s a lot of bagels. It almost became a bit I was doing.

“I also didn’t know about spit buckets. So every time they reset my bagel, I would eat the bagel.

“The worst part is, they didn’t end up using any of the footage of me eating the bagels! In the episode, there are a couple shots of me passing a plate and making a face. So I did all that bagel eating for *nothing*. I gave my appetite to all these bagels for nothing!

“And of course, when they called lunch I couldn’t eat anything because I was full of bagels *(laughs)*.”

What is the reality of eating on camera and what is a spit bucket?

“A spit bucket is what it sounds like: When an actor is seen eating something on camera, when they call cut you just spit it into a bucket so you don’t have to swallow it and end up eating pounds and pounds of food. A lot of time the food is treated with something to make it last longer. Or it’s cold because it’s been out for so long. Or it can be really disgusting because they’re not making it with someone tasting it in mind.

“Luckily the bagels weren’t gross. With my previous bagel experience, I thought this was going to be disgusting. I thought I was going to have to put on a *performance* to convince everyone that I was enjoying these bagels. So in that respect, I was relieved that the bagels tasted good. And there was actual cream cheese on the bagels this time.”

Four bagels with cream cheese is a lot of bread and dairy in one go.

“*(Laughs)* It is. It really didn’t hit me until I left. So much of that day was normal nerves, but then I became concerned that I was going to become physically ill. Luckily I was still pretty young and could eat whatever I wanted and bounce back.

“But I imagine if I’d had a spit bucket, that would be pretty gross too. Just to have that sitting next to you with all your spit-out food in it for hours. That doesn’t sound like a great option to me either!

“On ‘Abbott,’ when they’re in the teachers’ lounge eating lunch, they’re really just snacking and those are snacks that the actors themselves like. But there was an episode in which Quinta is on a date and the tag is that she’s eating ribs really hardcore and her face is plastered in barbecue sauce. And she did not have a spit bucket. What’s hilarious is the idea for that scene was hers! So I wrote it, and then when we were on set filming it she was like, ‘Brittani, why did you do this to me!’ *(laughs)*”

The takeaway ...

“I have no regrets — I enjoyed giving it my all even though it was such a small role and no one really gave a crap that I was doing all this character work with these bagels. No one’s ever going to watch that and be like, ‘Wow, that bagel eating!’

“But it was my first big Hollywood experience. And now I have enough production experience to make an informed decision about whether I want to eat the food or if I need a spit bucket.”

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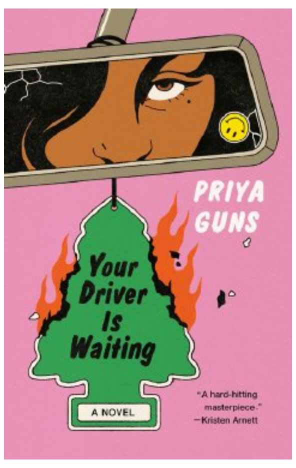
BOOK REVIEWS

Ride-share driver cruises unfair world


PRIYA GUNS
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‘Your Driver Is Waiting’
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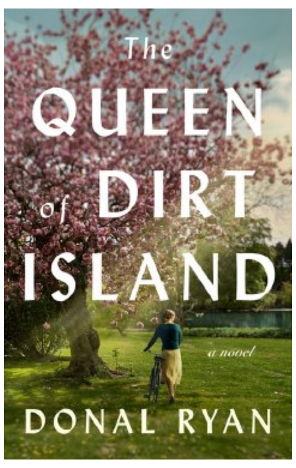
The QUEEN of DIRT ISLAND
a novel
DONAL RYAN

‘The Queen of Dirt Island’
By Donal Ryan; Viking, 256 pages, $27.

Damani is a driver running on empty and veering out of control. She works day and night for an exploitative ride-share app and tries to make ends meet on her low and erratic paychecks. Constantly exhausted, with little time to recharge between shifts, she is also raw with grief after the recent death of her father. At home, she cares for her sick, sad and scared mother. If there is a brighter future out there, she has yet to find it.

At the outset, Priya Guns’ debut seems offputtingly bleak. But “Your Driver Is Waiting” turns out to be a punchy page-turner imbued with dark comedy and trenchant social commentary. Sri Lankan-born Guns sets her drama in a place engulfed by civil unrest, a city — unnamed — that “thrived on the dreams of the smothered.” In contrast, Guns’ protagonist is named. She is fully fleshed out and emerges as a dynamic force with which to be reckoned.

Most of Damani’s passengers are obnoxious, but some help lighten her load by tipping well and treating her with respect.

One day, a woman gets into Damani’s car and overturns her world. Unlike Damani, Jolene is an activist who is financially propped up by her wealthy parents. Despite their differences, the pair click and a passionate, giddy romance develops. After a while, Damani starts to have reservations but continues to follow her heart — that is, until an altercation exposes true colors and unleashes chaos.

Guns’ novel takes its time to get going. There is little in the way of plot, and much of the narrative involves Damani driving around and effectively going nowhere.

“Your Driver Is Waiting” roars to life when Damani becomes more of an active participant — making her feelings known and her singular voice heard. She is a fascinating creation: a woman with attitude and an agenda who displays her vulnerability but also shows her tough side, and is unafraid of using the titanium baseball bat in her trunk and the switchblade in her pocket. Strap yourself in and enjoy the ride. — *Malcolm Forbes, Minneapolis Star Tribune*

A man is killed in a car wreck on the second page of Donal Ryan’s new novel. This is but the first tragedy suffered by the Aylwards, a small family headed by hearty Irish women. Subsequent chapters feature an attempted murder, two devastating suicides, the suspicious death of an imprisoned family member and, most shocking of all, a front yard fracas in which a grandmother-to-be flattens her daughter’s antagonist.

There’s a lot of anguish in “The Queen of Dirt Island,” but it coexists with pluck, wisdom and humor, qualities that imbue the novel with buoyant beauty. Ryan’s latest is another rich and satisfying tale from a writer whose narrative style — poetic, earthy and humane, as showcased in his Booker-Prize finalist “From a Low and Quiet Sea” — grows sharper by the book.

Eileen Aylward is due to inherit a tiny freshwater island in her hometown, “a village that nobody’d ever heard of.” Her life story is eventful and efficiently told. Each of the novel’s chapters is two pages long, a user-friendly structure that beckons to those who claim they’re too busy to read.

After the first-chapter death of her husband, Eileen grows more protective of her young daughter, Saoirse, and forms a resilient bond with her mother-in-law, Mary. Across the late 20th and early 21st centuries, the Aylwards struggle to preserve their pugilistic spirit amid great sorrow.

Like Ryan’s previous fiction, it’s attuned to the beauty of English as spoken in Ireland. He mostly forgoes quotation marks, fashioning lyrical sentences featuring multiple speakers. And the dauntless, irreverent, foulmouthed Aylward women give the book an enviable trait: hardscrabble vitality. — *Kevin Canfield, Minneapolis Star Tribune*

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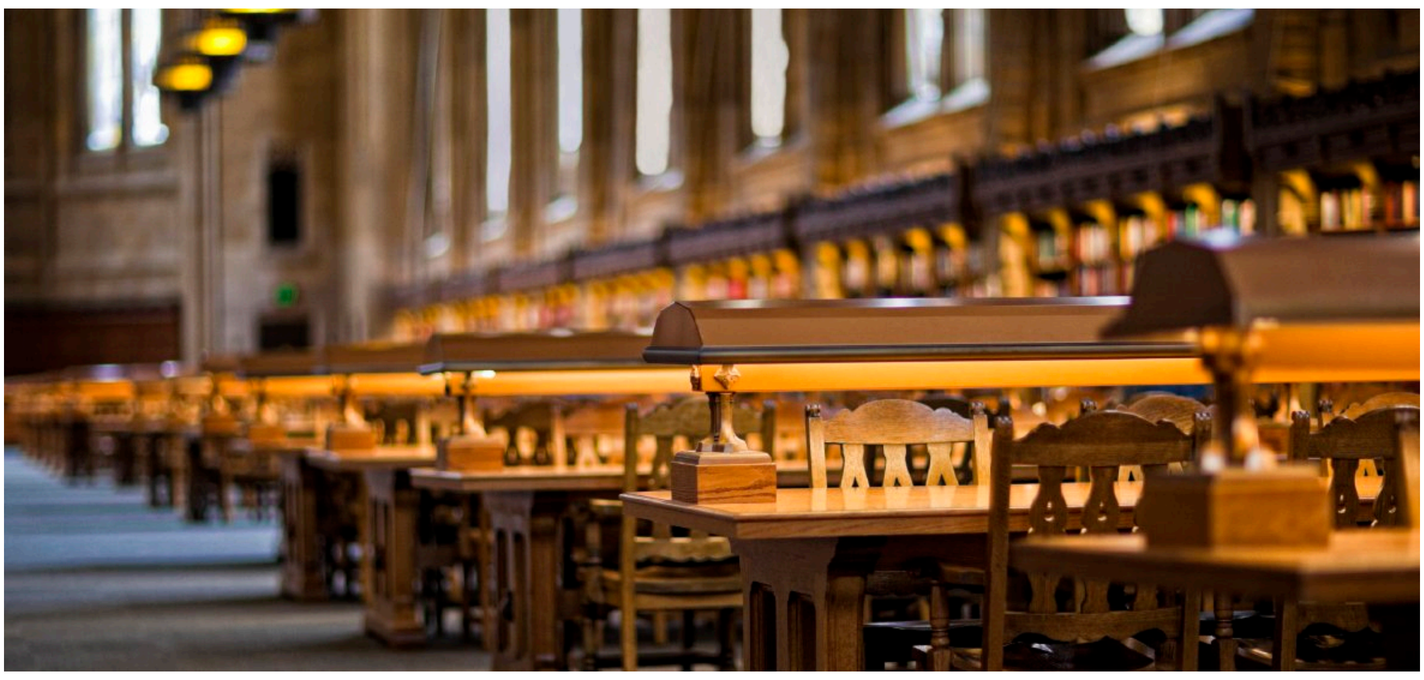
English undergraduate degrees have fallen heavily out of favor among students at many U.S. college and universities. **CANDICE CUSACK/GETTY**

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Employers, don't sleep on those English majors. We can do stuff.

By John Warner
For Chicago Tribune

Do you remember that old Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings song, "Mammas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to be Cowboys?"

The opening stanza goes like this:

Mamas, don't let your babies grow up to be cowboys
Don't let 'em pick guitars and drive them old trucks
Make 'em be doctors and lawyers and such ...

If I believe what I'm reading, the song needs to be changed to "Mommas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to be English Majors." You wouldn't even have to change the lyrics all that much.

Mamas, don't let your babies grow up to be English majors
Don't let 'em read books or write that old stuff
Make 'em be doctors and lawyers or programmers and such

OK, maybe I don't have a future as a writer of country songs, but as a one-time (two times if you count graduate school), English major, fiction was more my thing than poetry.

It is a recent New Yorker article by Nathan Heller, "The End of the English Major," that has me singing my sad little tune. In the article Heller investigates the state of things at Harvard and Arizona State University and finds that while students may still crave a humanities-like experience, the thought of majoring in English has grown less and less palatable.

For some, the English major is viewed as unserious, but as a graduate of the University of Illinois class of 1988, I can testify that it was ever thus.

I seem to recall my mechanical engineering friends saying something along the lines of: *Must be nice to sit around and read books all day and get a degree.*

My response: *Yes!*

Very nice indeed, and with the hindsight of time a pretty good choice in terms of professional accomplishment and financial stability. I tell anyone who would listen that it's my training in English and writing that has allowed me to adapt to different jobs and different eras, and not just survive but thrive.

This included a career in market research, despite not having taken a math course since high school.

I'm old enough that I learned to type on a Royal manual typewriter, and I didn't have the internet at my job until after graduate school. But I'm now flying around the country as a speaker and consultant, trying to help schools and higher ed institutions adapt to a ChatGPT world.

Me! An English major!

In truth, the percentage of humanities majors (like English) as part of the whole had its most precipitous decline in the 1970s and has been on more of a slow descent since, from around 10% in the 1990s to about half that now. Most of this is attributable to the rising cost of college and students feeling considerably more pressure to major in something "practical."

English may not seem practical, but when you look at surveys about the skills employers want, written communication skills are always near the top. And while an English major isn't the only way to develop that competency, it remains a good way.

The biggest challenge for English majors — and one I faced even in my day — is that very few jobs say they're looking to hire English majors, even though a good English major would be perfectly capable of doing the job.

I had to learn how to help employers see how my skills translated to what they needed. Once inside the organization I had few worries.

If I could write a 15-page explication of a Gerard Manley Hopkins sonnet, a focus group report was child's play.

Don't sleep on those English majors, employers. We can do stuff.

John Warner is the author of "Why They Can't Write: Killing the Five-Paragraph Essay and Other Necessities."

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Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

John Warner tells you what to read based on the last five books you've read.

1. **"My Volcano"** by John Elizabeth Stintzi
2. **"The Violin Conspiracy"** by Brendan Slocumb
3. **"The Rabbit Hutch"** by Tess Gunty
4. **"The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida"** by Shehan Karunatilaka
5. **"2 A.M. in Little America"** by Ken Kalfus

— Tim P., Sugar Grove, Illinois

All of these books are part of the annual Tournament of Books, a March Madness-style tournament to see which book of the previous year is the "best," if such a thing were really possible. It is underway and you should check out the fun. For Tim, I think Rebecca Makkai's engrossing new mystery, **"I Have Some Questions for You"** will hit the spot.

1. **"Fleishman is in Trouble"** by Taffy Brodesser-Akner
2. **"The House in the Pines"** by Ana Reyes
3. **"Writers & Lovers"** by Lily King
4. **"The End of the Affair"** by Graham Greene
5. **"Notes on Your Sudden Disappearance"** by Alison Espach

— Addie T., Mandeville, Louisiana

Last month I wrote about how a one-star review convinced me that the novel **"Big Swiss"** by Jen Beagin was a good fit for me. I have now read the book, and it's terrifically funny and subversive, and I think it could be a good fit for Addie as well.

1. **"Lessons in Chemistry"** by Bonnie Garmus
2. **"Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow"** by Gabrielle Zevin
3. **"Sea of Tranquility"** by Emily St. John Mandel
4. **"The Nightingale"** by Kristin Hannah
5. **"A Man Called Ove"** by Fredrik Backman

— Belinda P., Scottsdale, Arizona

These are all enormously popular books, which makes me want to reach for a book that maybe has not garnered as much recognition but deserves it: **"So Much Pretty"** by Cara Hoffman.

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Send a list of the last five books you've read to books@chicagotribune.com

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What to watch

SUNDAY

March 12, 2023

All times Central. Start times can vary based on cable/satellite provider. Confirm times on your on-screen guide.

NASCAR Cup Series: United Rentals Work United 500

FOX, 2:30 p.m. Live

Top Cup Series drivers duel in the desert for the United Rentals Work United 500 at Phoenix Raceway in Avondale, Arizona.

NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Selection Show

CBS, 5 p.m. Live

The 68-team NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament field is announced live on CBS, featuring analysis, discussion, interviews and reactions from coaches and players.

Unexpected Grace

Hallmark Movies & Mysteries, 6 p.m. ▪ Original Film

Grace (Erica Tremblay), a new student who has just moved to town, finds a note from a schoolgirl looking for a friend. She excitedly writes back and sets off a chain of events that changes the lives of three people.

'The 95th Oscars'

MATT SAYLES, ABC

The 95th Oscars

ABC, 7 p.m. Live

Awards season culminates with Hollywood's biggest night as the Academy Awards honor the best films of 2022. Leading the field is Everything Everywhere All at Once, with 11 nominations, followed by All Quiet on the Western Front and The Banshees of Inisherin with nine nods each, Elvis with eight and The Fabelmans with seven. Among notable nominees, Michelle Yeoh is the first Malaysian nominated as Best Actress (Everything Everywhere All at Once), Best Supporting Actress nominee Angela Bassett (Black Panther: Wakanda Forever) is the first actor in a Marvel movie to be nominated for an Oscar, and Best Original Score nominee John Williams (The Fabelmans) adds to his reign as the Oscars' most nominated living person (he's now at 53). Jimmy Kimmel returns to host the ceremony. Rihanna has been announced as a performer; she will sing the Oscar-nominated "Lift Me Up" from Black Panther: Wakanda Forever. Also announced as performers are Rahul Sipligunj and Kaala Bhairava, who will sing the Oscar-nominated "Naatu Naatu" from the Indian action drama RRR. Presenters announced at press time include Riz Ahmed, Emily Blunt, Glenn Close, Jennifer Connelly, Ariana DeBose, Samuel L. Jackson, Dwayne Johnson, Michael B. Jordan, Jonathan Majors, Zoe Saldana and Donnie Yen.

The Last of Us

HBO, 8 p.m. ▪ Season Finale

The postapocalyptic drama about hardened survivor Joel (Pedro Pascal), who is hired to smuggle 14-year-old Ellie (Bella Ramsey) out of an oppressive quarantine zone, concludes its first season. HBO has renewed it for Season 2.

CATCH A CLASSIC

31 Days of Oscar: 'War'

TCM, Beginning at 6:15 a.m.

Epic war films have frequently been favorites when it comes to Academy voters, and Turner Classic Movies' 31 Days of Oscar has 10 of them in today's lineup. Nine of them feature World War II as their backdrop (and a few were even produced during the war), while another brilliantly chronicles the horrors of World War I. The lineup features **Beyond the Line of Duty** (1942), which won its only nomination, Best Short Subject, Two-Reel; **Air Force** (1943) — four nominations, including Best Original Screenplay (Dudley Nichols), and one win: Editing (George Amy); **Battleground** (1949) — six nominations, including Best Picture, Supporting Actor (James Whitmore) and Director (William A. Wellman), and won two awards: Screenplay (Robert Pirosh) and Cinematography, Black-and-White (Paul Vogel); **Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo** (1944) — won for its special effects, also nominated for its cinematography; 1967's **The Dirty Dozen (pictured)** — four nominations, including Best Supporting Actor (John Cassavetes), and a win for Sound Effects (John Poyner); **Twelve O'Clock High** (1949) — four nominations, including Best Picture and Best Actor (Gregory Peck), and two wins: Best Supporting Actor (Dean Jagger) and Best Sound, Recording (Thomas T. Moulton); **The Longest Day** (1962) — five nominations, including Best Picture, and two wins, for its cinematography and special effects; **From Here to Eternity** (1953) — won eight of its 13 nominations, including Best Picture, Supporting Actor (Frank Sinatra), Supporting Actress (Donna Reed) and Director (Fred Zinnemann), with other nominations including Best Actor (Montgomery Clift and Burt Lancaster) and Best Actress (Deborah Kerr); **All Quiet on the Western Front** (1930), which won Best Picture and Director (Lewis Milestone), and was also nominated for its writing and cinematography; and **49th Parallel** (1941) — nominated for Best Picture and Best Writing, Screenplay (Rodney Ackland and Emeric Pressburger), and won for Best Writing, Original Story (Pressburger).

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'Star Trek Beyond'

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A Lifeguard's Obsession (2023, Suspense) Amanda Jones, Christian Howard **Lifetime, 5 p.m.**

Who Killed Our Father? (2023, Suspense) Kirsten Comerford, Devin Cecchetto **LMN, 5 p.m.**

Game of Love (2023, Romance) Kimberley Sustad, Brooks Darnell **Hallmark, 6 p.m.**

Son-in-Law (1993, Comedy) Pauly Shore, Carla Gugino **CMT, 6 p.m.**

Unexpected Grace (2023, Family) Erica Tremblay, Michael Rady **Hallmark Movies & Mysteries, 6 p.m.**

Lies Between Friends (2022, Drama) Matreya Scarrwener, Zibby Allen **LMN, 6 p.m.**

Star Trek Beyond (2016, Science fiction) Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto **AMC, 7 p.m.**

The Fate of the Furious (2017, Action) Vin Diesel, Dwayne Johnson **FX, 7 p.m.**

The Surrogate Scandal (2023, Suspense) Catherine Dyer, Luisa d'Oliveira **Lifetime, 7 p.m.**

Color My World With Love (2022, Drama) Lily D. Moore, Erica Durance **Hallmark Movies & Mysteries, 8 p.m.**

She Is Not Your Daughter (2022, Suspense) Alicia Leigh Willis, Emily Topper **LMN, 9 p.m.**

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly (1967, Western) Clint Eastwood, Eli Wallach **Sundance, 10:30 p.m.**

From the editors of TV Weekly and tvinsider.com

TCM	★★★ Grey Gardens ('75, Documentary) Former socialites become recluses in decrepit mansion.			★★★ La Promesse ('96, Drama) (Jérén teenager befriends a widowed illegal i		
TLC	My Knees N		Skin/Peeling N	My Baby Weighs N		Body/Shak
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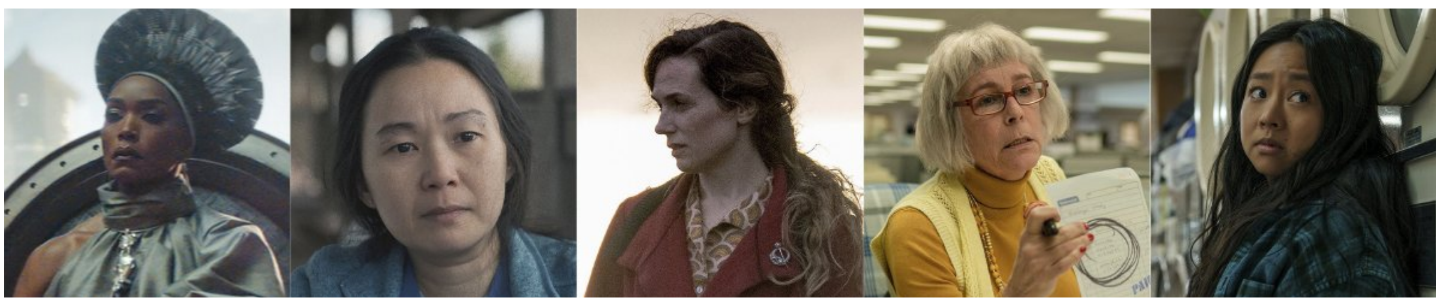
The Oscar nominees for best actress are Cate Blanchett, from left, Ana de Armas, Andrea Riseborough, Michelle Williams and Michelle Yeoh. **FOCUS FEATURES, NETFLIX, MOMENTUM PICTURES, UNIVERSAL, A24**



The Oscar nominees for best supporting actress are Angela Bassett, from left, Hong Chau, Kerry Condon, Jamie Lee Curtis and Stephanie Hsu. **DISNEY, A24, SEARCHLIGHT**

The Oscar nominees for best supporting actor are Brendan Gleeson, from left, Brian Tyree Henry, Judd Hirsch, Barry Keoghan and Ke Huy Quan. **SEARCHLIGHT, APPLE TV+, UNIVERSAL, A24**

Oscars

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debatably soulless technological method available to contemporary filmmakers. And it's backed by an Oscar-nominated musical score (and probable winner) that's heavy enough to make even Hans Zimmer think, well, that's a bit much.

Some love the film; they're gripped by it in a way that leads to admiration, either grudging or enthusiastic. It will likely win several Academy Awards. And as strange as it sounds, it has a lot in common with "Everything Everywhere All at Once."

Rhythmically, though, nothing in common. "Everything Everywhere All at Once" is all about velocity, while "All Quiet on the Western Front" is methodical in its assault. Yet both films, as visual stories, do not let up for a moment. The attack is unrelenting. This is also true of the Baz Luhrmann biopic "Elvis," which could, in fact, be called "Attack of the Baz Luhrmann biopic Elvis!"

Do I think "Everything Everywhere All at Once" will garner best picture, best actress (Michelle Yeoh), best director (Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert, aka the Daniels), best supporting actor (Ke Huy Quan) and best supporting actress (Jamie Lee Curtis), among other possible wins?

I do. I also plan on being wrong.

Like any film worth an argument, "Everything Everywhere All at Once" has led to a multiverse of verdicts. It's "frantically hyperactive and self-admiring and yet strangely laborious, dull and overdetermined, never letting up for a single second" (Peter Bradshaw, the Guardian). Or else it's "an incredibly moving family drama" (Alison Willmore, Vulture).

"All Quiet on the Western Front" has provoked a similar range of reactions: It's either "heart-wrenching" (Marya E. Gates, Playlist), or its "magnification in scale and dexterity lends itself to showing off … the movie aims to pummel you with ceaseless brutality" (Ben Kenigsberg, The New York Times). Or both. Or neither!

That sensory pummeling makes moviegoers feel like they're getting their money's worth, in a way that gratifies or rewards us even if we start thinking antiquated thoughts of *enough, already*. But the visceral smash-and-grab of these radically dissimilar works — dissimilar on the surface, cousins underneath — speaks, I think, to something in the air right now.

Getting flattened by a movie feels almost redundant at the moment. Thanks to the pandemic, the world has been rendered a little flatter, a little less rounded with possibility. More than ever, we look to the movies to provide an escape hatch, even if it's the blood-pumping hell of war without a lot of moral complexity (a bad sign with "All Quiet on the Western Front," however it's adapted). Or, in "Everything Everywhere All at Once," a story of a struggling family in relational crisis, saved by two-plus hours of nimble multiverse cosplay.

Up against those grabbers, what chance does the ruminative, take-it-or-leave-it excellence of writer-director Todd Field's "Tar" have in the best picture run? Roughly none. Approximately nil. Whatever: It's my favorite of the 10 nominees, and that's an opinion that will not help you *at all* if you're in an Oscar night betting pool with your friends.

The full list for the category: "All Quiet on the Western Front," "Avatar: The Way of Water," "The Banshees of Inisherin," "Elvis," "Everything Everywhere All at Once," "The Fabelmans," "Tar," "Top Gun: Maverick," "Triangle of Sadness" and "Women Talking."

To that end, here are my predictions for the 95th running of the bull, also known as Hollywood's company picnic, even if nobody knows which conglomerate is running what anymore. All the best to those in the film industry trying to keep theatrical exhibitions alive.

And to those who aren't, well, straight into "Everything Everywhere All at Once's" bagel of oblivion to you, at least for a while. Consider it a timeout.

HOW TO WATCH

The live broadcast of the ceremony, hosted by comedian Jimmy Kimmel, will begin at 8 p.m. Eastern on ABC. The show will also stream live on ABC.com, Hulu Live TV, YouTube TV, AT&T TV and Fubo TV.

BEST PICTURE

Nominees: "All Quiet on the Western Front," "Avatar: The Way of Water," "The Banshees of Inisherin," "Elvis," "Everything Everywhere All at Once," "The Fabelmans," "Tar," "Top Gun: Maverick," "Triangle of Sadness," "Women Talking"
Will win: "Everything Everywhere All at Once"
Should win: "Tar"

BEST DIRECTOR

Nominees: "Martin McDonagh, "The Banshees of Inisherin"; Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert, "Everything Everywhere All at Once"; Steven Spielberg, "The Fabelmans"; Todd Field, "Tar"; Ruben Ostlund, "Triangle of Sadness"
Will win: Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert for "Everything Everywhere All at Once"
Should win: Todd Field for "Tar"

ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE

Nominees: Brendan Fraser, "The Whale"; Colin Farrell, "The Banshees of Inisherin"; Austin Butler, "Elvis"; Bill Nighy, "Living"; Paul Mescal, "Aftersun"
Will win: Brendan Fraser in "The Whale"
Should win: Colin Farrell in "The Banshees of Inisherin."

ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE

Nominees: Ana de Armas, "Blonde"; Cate Blanchett, "Tar"; Andrea Riseborough, "To Leslie"; Michelle Williams, "The Fabelmans"; Michelle Yeoh, "Everything Everywhere All at Once"
Will win: Michelle Yeoh in "Everything Everywhere All at Once"
Should win: Cate Blanchett in "Tar"

ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

Nominees: Brian Tyree Henry, "Causeway"; Judd Hirsch, "The Fabelmans"; Brendan Gleeson, "Banshees of Inisherin"; Barry Keoghan, "Banshees of Inisherin"; Ke Huy Quan, "Everything Everywhere All at Once"
Will win: Ke Huy Quan in "Everything Everywhere All at Once"
Should win: Barry Keoghan in "The Banshees of Inisherin"

ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

Nominees: Angela Bassett, "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever"; Hong Chau, "The Whale"; Kerry Condon, "The Banshees of Inisherin"; Stephanie Hsu, "Everything Everywhere All at Once"; Jamie Lee Curtis, "Everything Everywhere All at Once"
Will win: Jamie Lee Curtis in "Everything Everywhere All at Once"
Should win: Kerry Condon in "The Banshees of Inisherin"

ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY

Nominees: "Everything Everywhere All at Once," "The Banshees of Inisherin," "The Fabelmans," "Tar," "Triangle of Sadness"
Will win: "The Banshees of Inisherin"
Should win: "Tar"

ADAPTED SCREENPLAY

Nominees: "All Quiet on the Western Front," "Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery," "Living," "Top Gun: Maverick," "Women Talking"
Will win: "Women Talking"
Should win: "Women Talking"

ANIMATED FEATURE

Nominees: "Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio," "Marcel the Shell With Shoes On," "Puss in Boots: The Last Wish," "The Sea Beast," "Turning Red"
Will win: "Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio"
Should win: "Marcel the Shell with Shoes On"

ANIMATED SHORT FILM

Nominees: "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse," "The Flying Sailor," "Ice Merchants," "My Year of Dicks," "An Ostrich Told Me the World is Fake and I Think I Believe it"
Will win: "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse"

DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

Nominees: "All That Breathes," "All the Beauty and the Bloodshed," "Fire of Love," "A House Made of Splinters," "Navalny"
Will win: "Navalny"
Should win: "All the Beauty and the Bloodshed"

DOCUMENTARY SHORT FILM

Nominees: "The Elephant Whisperers," "Haulout," "How Do You Measure a Year?," "The Martha Mitchell Effect," "Stranger at the Gate"
Will win: "Stranger at the Gate"

INTERNATIONAL FEATURE

Nominees: "All Quiet on the Western Front" (Germany), "Argentina, 1985" (Argentina), "Close" (Belgium), "EO" (Poland), "The Quiet Girl" (Ireland)
Will win: "All Quiet on the Western Front"
Should win: "EO"

CINEMATOGRAPHY

Nominees: James Friend, "All Quiet on the Western Front"; Darius Khondj, "Bardo, False Chronicle of a Handful of Truths"; Mandy Walker, "Elvis"; Roger Deakins, "Empire of Light"; Florian Hoffmeister, "Tar"
Will win: "All Quiet on the Western Front"
Should win: "Tar"

PRODUCTION DESIGN

Nominees: "All Quiet on the Western Front," "Avatar: The Way of Water," "Babylon," "Elvis," "The Fabelmans"
Will win: "All Quiet on the Western Front"
Should win: "The Fabelmans"

SOUND

Nominees: "All Quiet on the Western Front," "Avatar: The Way of Water," "The Batman," "Elvis," "Top Gun: Maverick"
Will win: "All Quiet on the Western Front"
Should win: "The Batman"

EDITING

Nominees: "The Banshees of Inisherin," "Elvis," "Everything Everywhere All at Once," "Tar," "Top Gun: Maverick"
Will win: "Everything Everywhere All at Once"
Should win: "Everything Everywhere All at Once"

COSTUME DESIGN

Nominees: "Babylon," "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever," "Elvis," "Everything Everywhere All at Once," "Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris"
Will win: "Elvis"
Should win: "Everything Everywhere All at Once"

MAKEUP AND HAIRSTYLING

Nominees: "All Quiet on the Western Front," "The Batman," "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever," "Elvis," "The Whale"
Will win: "Elvis"
Should win: "The Batman"

LIVE ACTION SHORT FILM

Nominees: "An Irish Goodbye," "Ivalu," "Le Pupille," "Night Ride," "The Red Suitcase"
Will win: "Le Pupille"

ORIGINAL SCORE

Nominees: Volker Bertelmann, "All Quiet on the Western Front"; Justin Hurwitz, "Babylon"; Carter Burwell, "The Banshees of Inisherin"; Son Lux, "Everything Everywhere All at Once"; John Williams, "The Fabelmans"
Will win: "All Quiet on the Western Front"
Should win: "Everything Everywhere All at Once"

ORIGINAL SONG

Nominees: "Applause" from "Tell It Like a Woman"; "Hold My Hand" from "Top Gun: Maverick"; "Lift Me Up" from "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever"; "Naatu Naatu" from "RRR"; "This Is a Life" from "Everything Everywhere All at Once"
Will win: "Naatu Naatu" from "RRR"
Should win: "Naatu Naatu" from "RRR"

VISUAL EFFECTS

Nominees: "Avatar: The Way of Water," "Top Gun: Maverick," "The Batman," "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever," "All Quiet on the Western Front"
Will win: "Avatar: The Way of Water"
Should win: "Top Gun: Maverick"

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The Oscar nominees for best actor are Austin Butler, from left, Colin Farrell, Brendan Fraser, Paul Mescal and Bill Nighy. **WARNER BROS., SEARCHLIGHT, A24, SONY PICTURES CLASSICS**

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When we chose green for our brand colors, it was because that's what we were – fresh, fun, and a bit naive. So the fact that everyone's wearing green this week solely to celebrate Hulu's 15 years of streaming makes us feel like a pot o' gold. When we launched, we had nothing but a weird name and a website. No content. We barely had office snacks. But here we are 15 years later with an Academy Award®, a bunch of Emmy® Awards, and some of the greatest stories in streaming. So yeah, we'll take all this green love and we don't know where the leprechauns came from, but we'll take them too.

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Sridevi Krothapalli, 17, creates and distributes Kahani, which means storytelling in Hindi, to offer art therapy to youths

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LIFE

Poetry as advocacy

Rockford's Youth Poet, Giulyana Gamero, uses verse to share her experiences of supporting her Spanish-speaking immigrant parents in various health care settings

ALLERTON PARK AND RETREAT CENTER

TRAVEL

Folk art, reimagined

The state's first folk school will open this fall near Champaign, with an eye on how to make the Danish-grounded model more inclusive

LEGO

BALANCING ACT

Legos not 'woke.' Just awake.

The new line of toys includes characters that cover a wider spectrum of the human experience, and that's not something to fear, writes Heidi Stevens

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Stepdad's scorched-earth texts raise alarm

Dear Amy: I have been divorced for 10 years, after my ex-wife had an affair. She married the man she had the affair with.

She and I share joint custody of our two daughters, ages 17 and 11. My ex and I have only communicated via text messaging for the last five years, and it is infrequent and only about the children.

Recently, I found out through my children that their mother is getting divorced from her current husband. My youngest came downstairs crying and displayed a text from her mother's soon-to-be-ex, which didn't only throw mom under the bus but completely napalmed her.

He told the children and her own mother (their grandmother) via text message that she has been having an affair with a co-worker and that she has done it before (with him). Now the kids are super mad at their mother.

How do I bring it up that I don't want to get involved in her personal life, but what this guy did by using my kids as cannon fodder was not cool?

— *Perplexed in Phoenix*

Dear Perplexed: Keep screenshots of these texts, and instruct your children to block their stepfather's number from their phones.

Convey to the kids that no adult has the right to communicate with them in this way, that it is unacceptable and that you feel extremely sorry that this has happened. You do not need to offer up any additional explanations.

Yes, the kids are angry with their mother, but the primary violation at this point was committed by the person who is attempting to weaponize your children against their mother (and in the short term, it seems to have worked).

Reach out to your ex — personally or by phone (not text) — to let her know what has happened, if she doesn't know already. The kids might be better off staying with you full time until the stepfather is out of the household.

If these allegations are true, your ex-wife has a terrible track record. Your ex-wife's choices have a potentially destabilizing effect on her kids. Also contact your lawyer to see what your options are in terms of ensuring that your children reside in the most stable environment possible. Currently, their mother's household doesn't qualify.

Dear Amy: I've been attending the same small Protestant church for years. I've gotten involved with committees, have served on the board and have been a financial mainstay — helping the church to keep its doors open.

My main motivation is to worship for an hour or two on Sunday, and to receive the sort of spiritual uplift that I seek through my faith practice.

Unfortunately, even though we've managed to keep the church running, welcoming a revolving door of ministers for the past several years, I sit in the pew on Sundays, my mind racing with church business and unable to focus on the service.

I'm considering leaving this church and looking for another, but I feel guilty. I'm wondering if you have any ideas for me.

— *Tired*

Dear Tired: I believe this is a fairly common issue, which I assume crosses aisles and affects people from many different faith practices. Once you start to run an organization and become involved in its finances, personnel and building maintenance, it's a challenge to detach from these worldly concerns in order to enjoy its mission.

It's hard to access the divine when you're wondering if last month's light bill got paid. Pulling back on some of your duties, even temporarily, might help you to refocus.

Also — you and some other congregants might want to form a study group. There are scores of multiweek programs designed to guide participants through various spiritual courses of study.

You might also want to worship at other churches. Even if you maintain involvement with your church, occasionally attending services elsewhere can be a rewarding and renewing experience.

Dear Amy: At least once a week I think you're totally out to lunch. I wonder if your staff gets the blame for some of your more boneheaded responses?

— *Wiser*

Dear Wiser: I wish I had a staff to blame, but alas — even if I'm occasionally out to lunch, I assure you that I'm dining alone.

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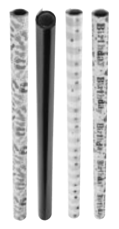

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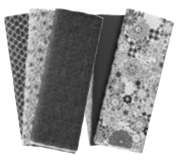

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Sharing experience through verse

Rockford Youth Poet shines light on the health care system as a daughter of immigrants

By Adriana Perez
Chicago Tribune

Health care is not exactly a common topic for poetry.

But poetry is the medium used by Rockford resident Giulyana Gamero, 18, to share her experiences of advocating for her Spanish-speaking, immigrant parents in various health care settings.

"Hearts and chests and lungs and breathe. I tell him to breathe," begins one of the poems about her father Gustavo, which she recites in a poetry video series.

"There is a waver in his voice when he asks for rough translations. But I'm counting the days down until school resumes to capture me again, swooping his little girl from his home."

Gamero's father, who was born in Mexico, has been living in the United States for over 20 years and has picked up English here and there. For many non-English speakers navigating a jargon-loaded, fussy health care system presents persistent obstacles that deter vulnerable populations and minorities from receiving the care they need.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly 9 out of 10 adults in the United States have difficulty understanding and using personal and public health information when it's filled with unfamiliar or scientific lingo.

"There's a lot of challenges to overcome when it comes to language barriers," Gamero told the Tribune. "And a lot of this is almost saddening to see just because there aren't as many accommodations ... as there should be."

Expanding accessibility would require increasing health literacy — understanding one's own health and the health care system — by having professionals use more plain language and employing interpreters or translators. Otherwise, patients can experience more negative health outcomes or higher medical costs.

A senior at Auburn High School, Gamero was chosen as the City of Rockford's 2022 Youth Poet after being nominated by her English teacher and going through an elaborate — but, in her words, exciting — written application process.

Giulyana Gamero, 18, attends her gifted English class at Auburn High School on March 2 in Rockford. Gamero, the Rockford Youth Poet, created a poetry series sharing her experiences navigating the health care systems as part of a Spanish-speaking household. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

"She was in a different space, at a different creative level than her peers," said Mary McNamara Bernsten, executive director of the Rockford Area Arts Council, which helped establish the Youth Poet program.

"And it's been so fun to see, from the beginning of 2022 to the end, how much Giulyana has come into her artistic voice. It's not an easy thing to do, especially as a younger person."

Gamero has loved poetry for a long time. She said she developed an interest in creative writing as early as first grade.

"My love for poetry started during a poetry unit in my English class in seventh grade, where I was introduced to slam poetry and the spoken word," Gamero said. "And that, honestly, really sparked this passion in me for poetry just because of how authentic and raw and real it felt."

As Rockford's Youth Poet, Gamero was approached by CURA Strategies, a health care communications agency, to develop a health literacy poetry series inspired by her own experiences.

The series would be part of the city's Health and Human Services' Rockford Ready health literacy initiative, which aims to empower residents to take control of their health, in partnership with the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine's Office of Health Literacy. The project was created with support from the Rockford Area Arts Council and Frank and Harvey Film Production.

In creating the Rockford Ready health literacy poetry video series, Gamero said she had to find a delicate balance between a concrete subject matter — her lived experiences in the health care system — with an abstract voice.

For instance, one of her poems uses the colors of ambulance sirens, "Blue, Red, Blue," to convey the importance of seeking preventive care and routine screenings to address health concerns before they become serious, life-threatening issues.

"Cool blue, honest red, blaring on city streets from lingering infection. I wonder if it could be me?" the poem goes. "Honest red, cool blue. If it's between holding onto my breath and being at the brink of death, or swallowing my pride and ask until there's nothing left, my mouth would be a cannon. And I would be firing off. I'd ask all the right questions if I knew there was something wrong."

The use of preventive care varies across racial and ethnic groups, according to a report by the Defense Health Agency, part of the Military Health System.

Language barriers such as limited English proficiency, for example, impact the use of preventive services in minority populations, according to the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. According to the Milken Institute, Hispanic adults have demonstrated the lowest health literacy of all ethnic and racial groups, and adults who spoke only Spanish at home before schooling have the lowest average health literacy of any population.

Rockford Ready's health literacy poetry series was based on the idea that art, such as Gamero's poetry, can address these inequities in health care.

"Often art reflects the challenges in the society that it's in," McNamara Bernsten said. "And artists are ... sort of the journal-keepers and scrapbookers of the age, whatever age that is. ...

"Providing insight and perspective and advocacy to an area of need is something that artists can do really effectively."

Writing poems for the series not only strengthened Gamero's health advocacy, it helped her advocate for her own voice in her work, said Anqunette Parham, executive director of Rockford's Health and Human Services Department. For instance, as Gamero developed the series, her poems were subjected to critique and feedback from academics and clinicians from UIC's Office of Health Literacy.

"It was actually even an opportunity for us to have that conversation with those folks about the fact that this is the interpretation of a young woman of our health care system," Parham said. "And it doesn't have to feel good, and you may not like it, but this is her truth. This is how people are experiencing the system."

But the beauty of the young poet's words — and the frustration of her lived experiences — shined through the academic scrutiny.

"I'm just so incredibly proud of the work that she created for us, and the fact that these pieces will continue to live on just really gives credence to the importance of health literacy for communities of color here in Rockford," Parham said.

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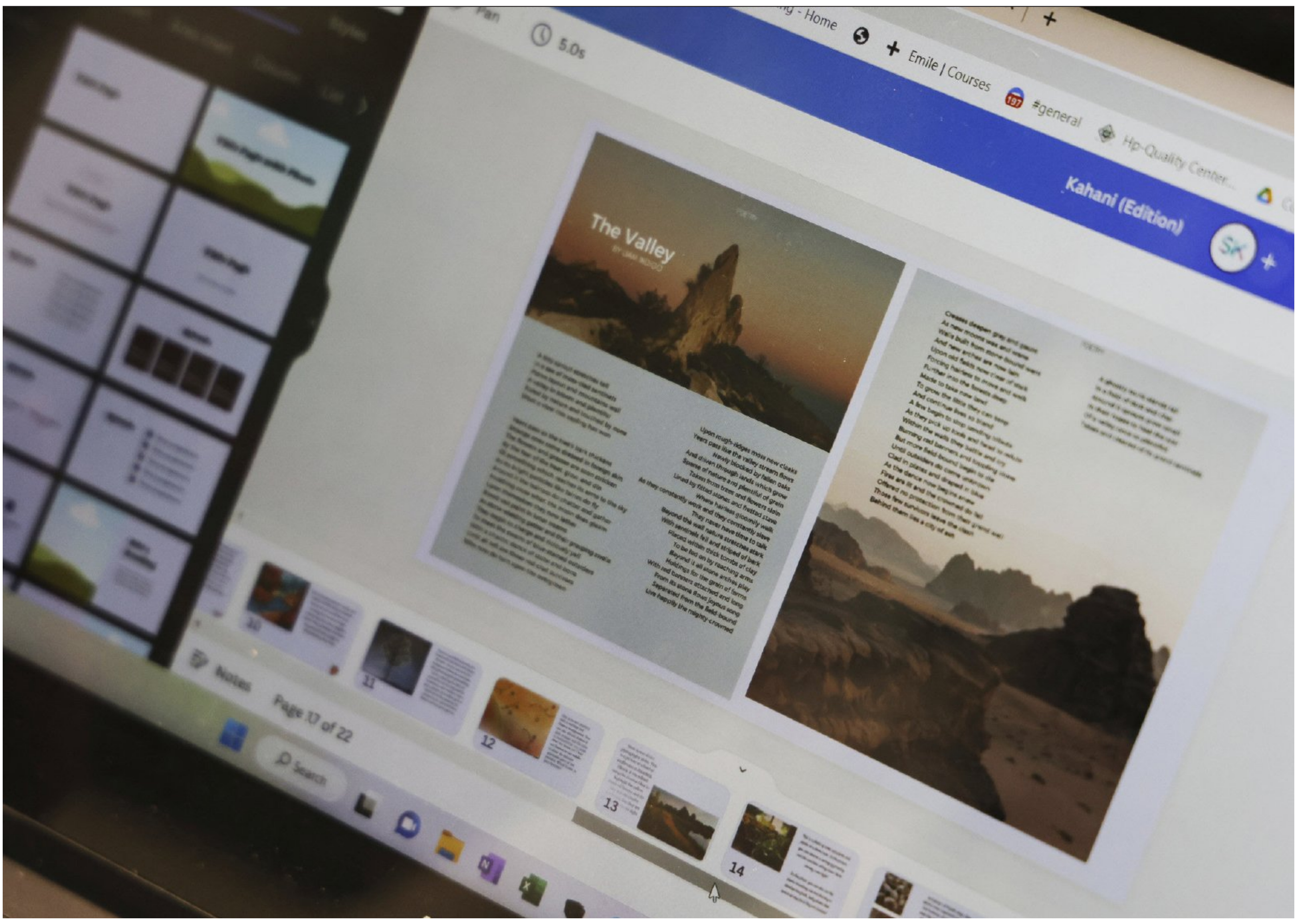

Sridevi Krothapalli's magazine called Kahani is for children in hospitals. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

PASSION PROJECT

Kids in Chicago-area hospitals get literary magazine courtesy of high schooler honored by Teen Vogue

By Darcel Rockett
Chicago Tribune

A 17-year-old senior at Illinois Math and Science Academy has turned her passion for art into a project that serves young hospital patients in Chicagoland and other parts of the U.S.

As a child, Sridevi Krothapalli loved to paint with watercolors. Her interests grew to include digital art and drawing. And in 2020, she harnessed that love for art to create Kahani, a student-led nonprofit that distributes a digital arts and literary magazine to children's hospitals for kindergarten to middle-school-age patients. Kahani means storytelling in Hindi.

"My mission with Kahani includes helping distribute art and literary magazines for kids in hospitals across the USA to inspire creativity," said the Plainfield teen, who aspires to a career in health care and advocacy. "It has always been my dream to positively give back to my community, help make an impact."

Krothapalli said Kahani has been distributed online to young patients at Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago, Advocate Children's Hospital in Park Ridge, Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, and Children's of Mississippi in Jackson. Staff and parents allow patients to read the magazine on tablets, digital devices and via in-house, closed-circuit televisions and websites. Kahani's impact at Riley Hospital for Children was recently featured on an Indiana CBS affiliate station, where a hospital representative said the magazine is "a beautiful example ... of children being supported by people who don't even know them."

"Having a variety of artistic and literary material for patients and families creates an opportunity for normalization in the hospital," said Ann Hannan, director of the Riley Cheer Guild and Creative Arts Therapies.

Krothapalli is trying to get Kahani to other facilities across the country. Her drive to make an impact led to her being named to Teen Vogue's annual 21 Under 21 list of change-makers, influencers, activists and artists in December.

Kahani, a twice yearly publication, consists of about 20 pages of various kinds of art — poetry, short stories, paintings and photography. Captions run alongside the artwork and there are journaling questions in each issue so readers and Kahani staff can get to know each other, Krothapalli said.

Sridevi Krothapalli, 17, a senior at Illinois Math and Science Academy, stands inside the Aurora school on Jan. 18. Krothapalli created a digital arts and literature magazine, Kahani, for kids in hospitals.

> ***"There were people in my family and community that were sick and going to nearby children's hospitals for illnesses that they had, and that inspired me to create some sort of creative arts therapy mechanism and a project for them to use. There aren't many things made by students for this hospital population, kind of a students-for-students thing, all donated work that is made by students themselves."*** *— Sridev Krothapalli*

"We try to make it as artistically compelling as possible — the most fun things that we can think of and mostly interesting things that you'd see in a nature book. But instead, it's made by students not so far away," she said. "There were people in my family and community that were sick and going to nearby children's hospitals for illnesses that they had and that inspired me to create some sort of creative arts therapy mechanism and a project for them to use. There aren't many things made by students for this hospital population, kind of a students-for-students thing, all donated work that is made by students themselves."

A member of IMSA's arts and literary magazine, Heliotrope, Krothapalli produces Kahani with the help of half a dozen people that include her family, friends and IMSA students. As Kahani's founder and creator, Krothapalli oversees outreach and promotion and serves as designer, artist and writer. She spends most of her school breaks working on Kahani. She said she wants to enable patients to contribute in future editions.

"I have to make it something that includes a much larger staff, from high schools all across the nation," Krothapalli said. The more expansive Kahani becomes, she said, the more youth are exposed to art in an environment where art therapy can help.

"Sridevi is always the first to help another student," said Joyce Symoniak, IMSA's visual arts teacher and Kahani's adviser. "While many do have great thoughts and ideas, their ideas are not always put into action. That is not the case with Sridevi. She puts her ideas into action and always in a positive manner."

What was formed to spread happiness during the pandemic is now something Krothapalli plans to work on for as long as possible.

When not studying neural network algorithms to estimate the number of Earth-sized habitable exoplanets in our galaxy, Krothapalli enjoys filmmaking and playing tennis. She also serves as Illinois' regional board president for the nonprofit International Youth Tobacco Control and helps organize educational activities, reaches out to other Illinois tobacco control organizations, and makes infographics and digital posters about tobacco use for state school districts.

"Everything that I do falls under the umbrella of what I'm really interested in — the umbrella of public health crises that affect kids' well-being," Krothapalli said.

She said she plans to do her best to protect children's well-being when she starts a career in psychiatry. She said in Teen Vogue that, for her, "kindness and love have been a guiding force to speak what comes to heart and incite positive change."

"No matter how small or big you see things out there being, as long as you're motivated to do the things that you're passionate about and stay true to yourself, that's what matters," Krothapalli said. "It's all about exploring your interests no matter how wild they might seem."

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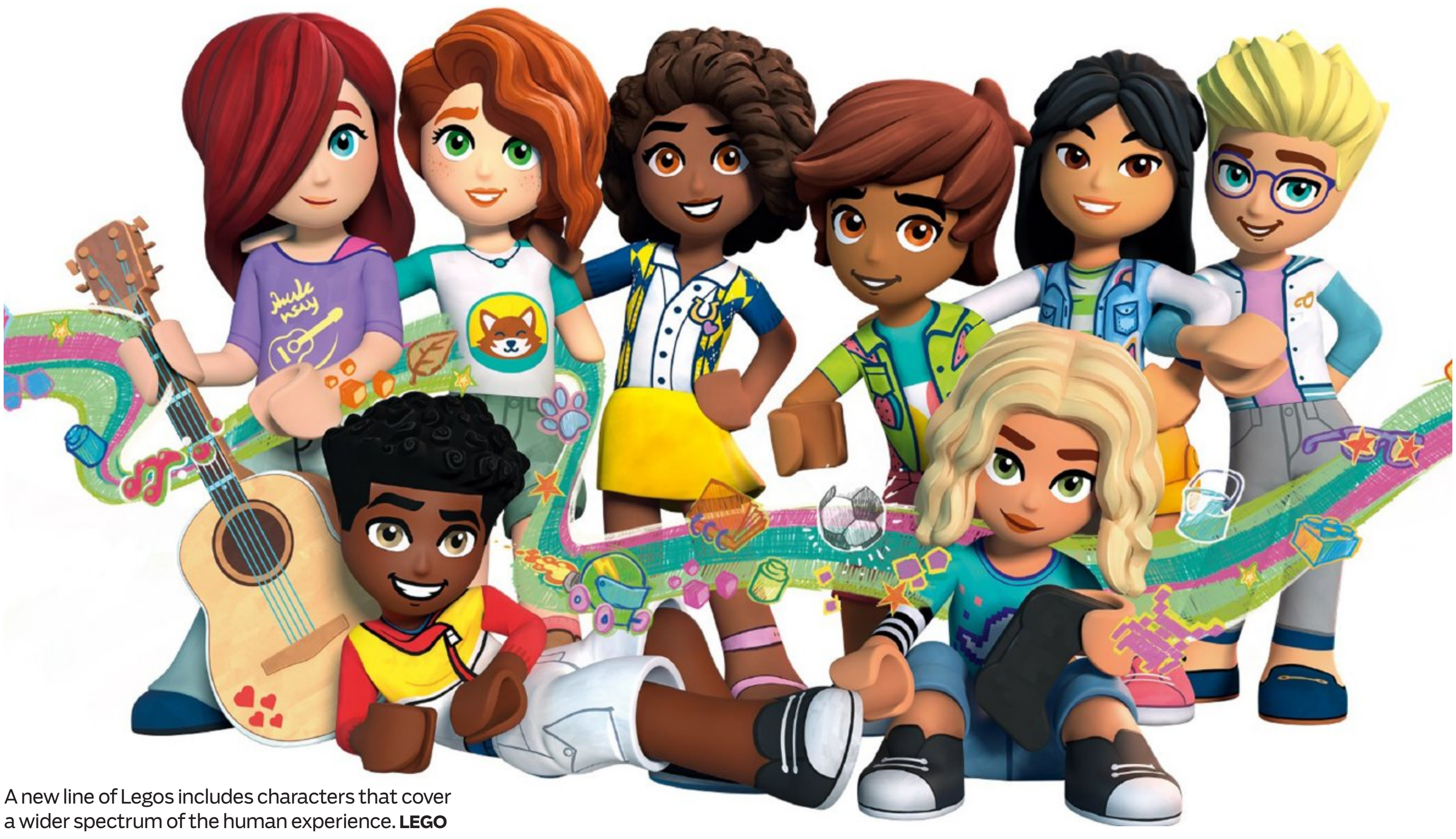
New Legos line not ‘woke,’ it’s awake

Heidi Stevens
Balancing Act



A new line of Legos includes characters that cover a wider spectrum of the human experience. **LEGO**

Avoiding Fox News is my self-care. (Time is tight. You do what you can.)

But a friend recently shared an article about the network’s hosts losing their marbles over a new line of Legos, and I couldn’t resist. I clicked.

Legos were such a formative part of my kids’ childhood. Rainbow Loom and Orbeez and Play-Doh and slime (dear God, the slime) all came and went. But Legos? Legos stayed the course. Year after year after year.

I still find little bricks in a couple of my purses. My mom still puts Legos in my brother’s Christmas stocking. He’s 52.

Anyway, the new line of Legos includes characters that cover a wider spectrum of the human experience: limb difference, Down syndrome, anxiety, vitiligo, a wheelchair.

“The brand-new universe of authentic, interesting, passionate and diverse characters includes additions of multiple skin tones, cultures, physical and nonvisible disabilities, and neurodiversity,” Lego said in a news release announcing the new line. “Because the Lego Group values children as its role models, this next generation of Lego Friends has implemented input from kid testing, research and feedback from letters sent to the company, which all found children had a desire to see themselves, their friends and their families better represented.”

Beautiful.

Unless you’re allergic to humanity.

“Say it ain’t so,” Fox News host Harris Faulkner said, upon learning the latest Deep Toy affront. “Lego is going woke.”

“One will have a missing limb,” host Jimmy Failla sneered. “Another, Down syndrome. These are really important issues.”

They are, actually.

Unless you’re scared of anyone but the dominant culture having their lives and identities and experiences and joy affirmed.

Lego is unlikely to sweat the criticism — unlike M&Ms, which paused their new line of candy characters when Fox News went after them for being “woke.”

In recent years, Lego has released an “Everyone is Awesome” line to represent the LGBTQIA+ community and a “Queer Eye” set that re-creates the Atlanta loft from the reality show about five gay men who remake people’s lives.

In 2014, Lego created an all-female scientist kit designed by geoscientist Ellen Kooijman. Everyone knows there’s nothing more woke than a woman with a telescope.

The brand seems quite adept at ignoring the outrage loop — or at least allowing the outrage to remain contained to a specific ecosystem while they blithely count their money. (Lego was valued at approximately $9.1 billion in 2021.)

In other words, this too shall pass. Probably pretty quickly.

But one part of this tantrum feels noteworthy to me, like we ought to pause and examine it for a moment.

Failla, one of the Fox hosts, had this to say: “It shouldn’t be going on the way it’s going on. But the reason they force identity into toys is because they think identity comes with a built-in political orientation. And that’s what they’re after here. I’m not having it.”

This is fascinating to me, on a couple of levels.

First, all toys have identity. Kids name their toys and personify their toys and carry on conversations with their toys and assign their toys whole inner and outer lives.

Accusing toys of having identity only when toys represent a wider swath of humanity betrays a tragic — and kind of embarrassing — blind spot. It’s a blind spot that lives at the heart of all the panic over woke-ism: the assumption that there’s one default way to be a human. That everything else is a deviation. An exception. An aberration. A statement. Virtue signaling.

When of course there are endless ways to be, to live, to look, to love during our time on this Earth. Acknowledging and celebrating that isn’t woke. It’s awake.

Children grasp this concept inherently and fully. Which is why it’s lovely that Lego values them as role models, and why these meltdowns that are supposedly on children’s behalf — panic over a genderless Mr. Potato Head, losing it over woke Legos, banning books from classrooms and school libraries — always strikes me as so odd.

The kids are all right — until the grown-ups corrupt them.

But that “built-in political orientation” comment is truly illuminating.

Apparently the fear is if kids grow up recognizing and respecting the full human experience, if they learn to walk in another person’s metaphorical shoes, if they see differences celebrated rather than demonized, if their worldview is expanded and expansive ... they will grow up to vote in a way that’s not pleasing to these fearmongers.

It’s as simple — and sad — as that.

If your political survival relies on keeping people isolated, intolerant and angry, it’s probably time to rethink your politics.

And if your political survival (or workplace survival, or cultural survival) compels you to keep children isolated, intolerant and angry? It’s probably time to check your moral compass.

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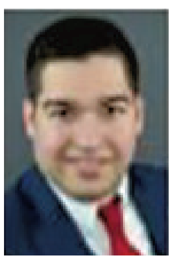

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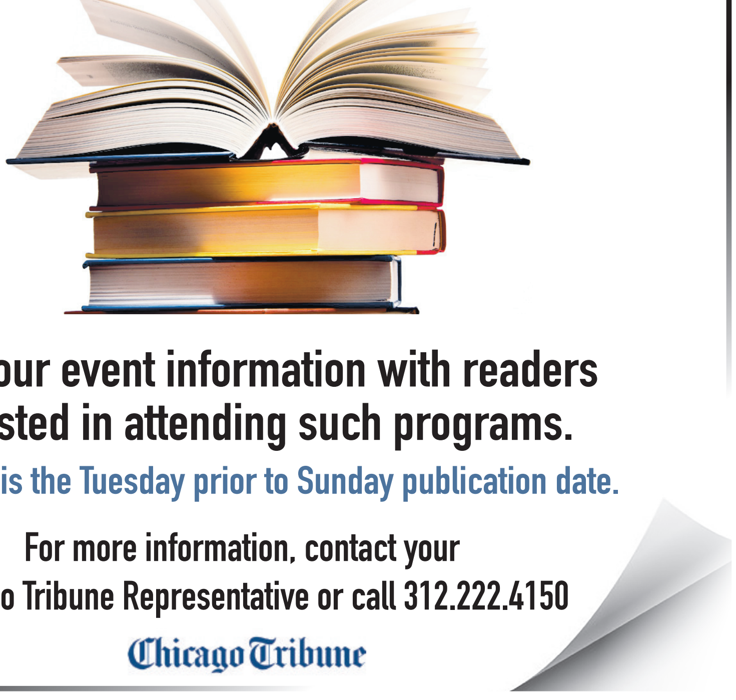

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Any parent faces same risk for childbirth-related depression

By Dr. Marian Earls
American Academy of Pediatrics

DREAMSTIME

We have come a long way in understanding the mental health impact of welcoming a new baby into the world. But until recently, most of our attention has tilted toward the parent giving birth, possibly overlooking the other.

While hormonal and physical changes can set pregnant parents up for mood shifts that can lead to depression, supporting parents are at risk, too. In fact, new research shows supporting parents face nearly the same risks for perinatal depression or postpartum depression as their pregnant partners. Parents of surrogate-born children can also experience perinatal depression, as can adoptive parents.

Here's what all parents need to know about depression risks during pregnancy and after becoming a parent, as well as how to nurture each other along the way.

If you are expecting right now, you may find yourself grappling with new levels of physical, social and mental stress. Healthy sleep, regular meals and exercise all become top priorities as you gear up for childbirth and the challenges of caring for a newborn.

Schedules may feel stretched to the max as both of you balance work and household demands with medical appointments, birthing classes and more.

On top of these, you may feel extraordinary pressure to feel happy all the time. This is not only unfair and unrealistic, it may make you feel even worse if your mood is sinking lower each day.

This happy time can be a watershed moment for you and your partner. Maybe you have never been happier together — but you have also never faced a transition quite like this one. Perhaps this is why new research studies are revealing that spouses and partners can develop depression just as easily as their pregnant counterparts.

Although many research studies focus on fathers, partners of all genders can develop depression during the prenatal or post-natal period. No parent is immune to the extreme pressures and heightened expectations that swirl around couples as they welcome a new child. This is why all partners need to be aware of the warning signs that point to depression.

Whether it begins during pregnancy or after your child arrives, depression is different from "the baby blues," which can bring fatigue and sadness after a child's birth but generally fades within a few days. Perinatal or post-natal depression is a more serious condition that lasts two weeks or more. Symptoms of depression in new parents may include the following.

- Deep feelings of sadness, worry or anxiety
- Persistent fears for the baby's health and safety
- Low energy levels
- Rapid mood swings, with or without bouts of crying
- Anger and irritability
- Brain fog that makes decision-making especially difficult
- Trouble falling asleep or staying asleep
- Major changes in eating habits
- Guilt, shame and doubt about your parenting abilities
- Difficulty bonding with your newborn

If you or your partner are struggling with one or more of these symptoms, it is time to talk with your doctor.

Knowing your baby relies on you can serve as a powerful motivator to seek help for depression. Whether you are worried about yourself or your partner, get in touch with your health care provider if depression symptoms are making life hard for you.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends all birth parents get screened for depression during pregnancy and at regular intervals after their child's birth.

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Wife has very specific ideas regarding gifting of flowers

Judith Martin
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: After a spat with my wife, I brought home a bouquet of flowers as a peace offering. She thanked me and set them aside.

After a couple of hours, I noticed that the flowers were still on the counter, and asked why they weren't in a vase. She said it was my responsibility to put them in a vase to complete the gesture. I told her I thought she should put them in a vase to show her appreciation.

Which is it? When giving a bouquet of flowers, does the giver have to put them in a vase to complete the gift?

On a similar note, my wife says that for birthdays, Valentine's Day, anniversaries or Mother's Day, flowers have to be delivered by a florist to count as thoughtful. I think handing someone flowers, or having them waiting in a vase on a table, also shows thought.

Gentle reader: With all due respect to your wife, Miss Manners thinks she has some very specific and peculiar ideas about what constitutes thoughtfulness in flower giving.

Does she think that people who bring them to dinner parties should rifle through their hosts' cabinets to find a vase? Granted, this can be an awkward task for a busy host, but certainly that is not the solution. And bringing flowers oneself is definitely more personal and thoughtful than having a florist deliver them. The accompanying note is so often mistaken for the receipt — or suspiciously composed in a stranger's handwriting.

But Miss Manners certainly does not wish to start another argument — if only because the apology protocol would be far too complicated.

Dear Miss Manners: While shopping in a large warehouse store, I saw an elderly woman using an electric shopping cart that was at the end of its charge. It was clear that she wasn't likely to make it the end of the aisle, let alone all the way across the store.

I told her that if she would stay put, I would go try to find her another cart. At the front of the store, there were two or three available, so I got on one with a full charge.

Before I could drive away, I was accosted by a belligerent man who loudly admonished me for taking a cart designed for the disabled.

I've never felt the need to explain myself to random strangers and he wasn't in a mood to listen, so I drove around him as he shouted after me and created quite a scene. I was really shaken by the incident, but don't know how I could have handled the situation differently. Employees can be hard to find, and the woman clearly needed help.

Is there a better way to deal with corrections from the loud and belligerent?

Gentle reader: Although it does amuse Miss Manners to think of your driving away and shouting back at him, "It's not for meeeeeee!," she agrees that it would be futile. Loud and belligerent people are not generally open to reason and logic.

Better that you and the cartless woman knew your true intentions. But it is a lesson for us all not to make assumptions about situations in which we are not involved.

Dear Miss Manners: I am an 11-year-old male. I've recently come across a dilemma when I try to read the writing on a girl's or woman's shirt.

More often than not, the print on a shirt is on the chest, and it may come across that I'm looking at her breasts. Since I am a boy, this is a serious issue I have. It seems awkward to say "Excuse me, I'm just reading your shirt," especially to a stranger. Your thoughts?

Gentle reader: Miss Manners' thoughts are that you may already require reading glasses. It should only take a quick glance to read someone's shirt.

If you are being accused of staring, you have looked for too long. True, if people wear shirts with more than a sentence on them, they only have themselves to blame for others taking the time to read it. And Miss Manners has found that it is easy to forget what you are wearing. But if you do get caught looking for too long, you had better be able to quickly reference what you were reading.

Dear Miss Manners: Can I wear boots in March when it is 30 degrees outside?

Gentle reader: Unless you are tramping around indoors with wet boots, who is going to stop you? Certainly not Miss Manners, who is probably looking around for her own pair.

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

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TRAVEL

Chicago painter and mixed media artist Barber was one of the artists-in-residence for Allerton Park's spring 2022 program. **ALLERTON PARK AND RETREAT CENTER PHOTOS**

Reimagining folk art

Illinois' first folk school, just west of Champaign, plans to be more inclusive

The Allerton Park campus boasts its own lodging for visitors with guest rooms in the historic mansion, gatehouse, lodge and other buildings.

Barns on the Allerton Park complex west of Champaign.

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> *— Deke Weaver, a professor of new media at the University of Illinois*

By Joanne Cleaver
For Chicago Tribune

A folk school is budding in the prairie west of Champaign.

It's a first for Illinois, and it comes at a time when folk schools are seeing an uptick in popularity — classes on watercolor and bread baking aligning with pandemic-launched hobbies — while also seeking to become more inclusive of craftwork from marginalized communities.

In the autumn the first workshops will open at The Farms folk school, under the auspices of Allerton Park and Retreat Center (515 Old Timber Road, Monticello; 217-333-3287; allerton.illinois.edu). The historic Allerton Park complex — home, farm, gardens and grounds — has long been owned and operated by the University of Illinois, and hosts art classes and activities mainly for nearby residents.

But the ambitious expansion of The Farms will elevate those artisan offerings and merge them with the fast-growing folk school movement. Its classes, already cherished locally, will grow — yes, painting, but for a week, perhaps, of painting en plein air in the Allerton gardens. Yes, nature walks, but for a long weekend, maybe searching along the way for materials for collage.

The staff is figuring it out as the opening date nears, highly aware that in the process they have a rare chance to create a folk school that's grounded in the whole of prairie and Illinois culture, and especially to include folks who haven't always been represented at folk schools.

"You can take on history in a new way," said Derek Peterson, executive director of Allerton Park, referencing the steeped-in-tradition heritage of folk schools. "We have a collective vision with the university, and they believe in what we're doing and why we're doing it."

Formalizing Allerton programs into a folk school feels almost inevitable, given that programming was ambling in the folk school direction already, Peterson said, with classes in Ukrainian egg design, folk dancing, flower arranging, and storytelling as a catalyst for social change.

"I could see it," Peterson said. "We just needed to capture what we were doing."

The first order of business was to understand how Allerton's legacy could merge with the tie-dyed image that has characterized American folk schools since the first one, the John C. Campbell Folk School, opened in 1925 in North Carolina.

The generally accepted criteria is that folk schools create a structure for accomplished artisans to teach their skills while fostering community in the process.

Watercolor painting taught at a folk school, for example, stresses process and cultural history as much as technique, unlike a class taught at an art school or community college.

But the folk school movement, rooted in Danish tradition, has largely perpetuated a northern European definition of both folk and school. While data is scant, diversity has not been the movement's strong suit, said Dawn Murphy, vice president of the Folk Education Association of America. Weeklong classes on specialized skills like blacksmithing, quilting and hand-crafting mountain musical instruments largely appeal to well-off, retired white people who have time and money to indulge.

Efforts to diversify, particularly at newer schools in Alaska, Minnesota and Wisconsin, are taking hold. At Driftless Folk School (driftlessfolkschool.org), a four-hour drive northwest of Chicago in Viroqua, Wisconsin, instructors with Oneida, Ojibwe and Potawatomi heritage teach courses on traditional black ash basket weaving and hand-forging copper bowls alongside candle making and home brewing.

"Part of the idea with the university is to push boundaries and open things up and reimagine what 'folk' could mean," said Deke Weaver, a professor of new media at the University of Illinois. "Not throwing out woodworking that you might find at a traditional folk school, but making the tent a little broader and a little more inclusive."

In coming months before The Farms open, the focus will be on collaboration and connecting with creative communities across Illinois. Central Illinois arts councils can offer input on which arts and crafts to prioritize as Allerton outbuildings are redesigned as group studios.

Program coordinators will reach out to Indigenous communities in Illinois to shape coursework. They also could build on the Allerton artist-in-residence program, which began in late 2020.

"We'll work with what we have and see what people want before we put in the infrastructure," said Bridget Frerichs, associate director of advancement for Allerton.

"As we grow, the space will grow with the programming. It will have to."

Of about 80 members of the Folk Education Association, none is in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio or Missouri, Murphy said. Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan each has several schools; the Pacific Northwest and Southeast are also hotbeds of school growth.

Allerton has a huge advantage over the dozens of groups across the country trying to launch schools, Murphy said, because it already had the physical space and the financial and administrative support of the University of Illinois. Allerton Park's campus also boasts its own lodging for visitors, with guest rooms in the historic mansion, gatehouse, lodge and other buildings starting at $95 per night, allowing travelers to enjoy folk school classes during a long weekend or trip to central Illinois.

Finding instructors who already have a following is a classic way of cracking the chicken-and-egg startup dilemma, said Scott Hayden, who did exactly that as he helped build New York's Adirondack Folk School, where he is currently the executive director.

Central Illinois is rife with potential for regionally authentic content.

"What about woodworking or pioneer cooking or building an Abraham Lincoln lean-to?" Hayden said.

Allerton has a once-in-a-lifetime chance to use its own heritage to catalyze a genuine and unique program, he said, and in the process equip participants to create their own heirlooms redolent of the place and the time they spent there — like the chef's knife he made at his own school.

"You leave with a great story, a great craft item," Hayden said. "And maybe you've made a new friend."

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GeoQuiz What's the capital of West Virginia? **Find out on Page 9**

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Salamanca is Spain's sandstone gem

Rick Steves
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Plaza Mayor, Spain's grandest square, sparkles at night and is just the starting point for a Salamanca visit. **PAT O'CONNOR**

Salamanca's Plaza Mayor, Spain's grandest square, seems to celebrate life. Strolling across the square with Carlos, my guide, we passed a young man walking alone who suddenly burst into song. I asked Carlos why and he said, "Doesn't it happen where you live?"

Northwest of Madrid (1.5 hours by high-speed train), Salamanca is youthful and untouristy, displaying its mighty monuments, clusters of cloisters and magnificent square with quiet pride.

Carlos and I sat down at a table with a prime view of the square and all its people-action. Carlos ordered us a simple but elegant meal: a plate of cured ham, patatas bravas (chunks of potatoes with tomato sauce), and glasses of robust local red wine. When the ham arrived, he told of his grandpa thinly carving a jamón, supported in a jamonero (ham holder) during Christmas, painting a holiday image that reminded me of my dad carving the turkey at Thanksgiving.

Our view was filled with people. Plaza Mayor has long been Salamanca's community living room. The most important place in town, it seems to be continually hosting some kind of party. Spaniards love their paseo (evening stroll) — it's like multigenerational "cruising" without cars. While the old-timers gossiped and "tsk-tsked" at the young people, those young singles were out to see and be seen. Carlos explained that historically, the square was a big viewing arena where the men circulated one way and the women circled the other so everyone got a chance to check everyone out. Flirting still rages, as the boys are on a quest for the perfect queso (cheese), meaning a cute dish. Perhaps the best time of all for people-watching is Sunday after Mass, when the grandmothers gather here in their Sunday best.

The Plaza Mayor is just the starting point for a Salamanca visit. Salamanca's university, the oldest in Spain (1218), was one of Europe's leading centers of learning for 400 years. Columbus came here for travel tips. Today many Americans enjoy its excellent summer program. The old lecture halls around the central cloister, where many of Spain's Golden Age heroes studied, are open to the public. Some of the rooms are still used by the university for prestigious academic ceremonies. The entrance portal of the university is a great example of Spain's Plateresque style (Spain's version of Flamboyant Gothic) — the style named for masonry so intricate it looks like silverwork.

In the university's Hall of Fray Luis de Leon, the tables and benches are made of narrow wooden beams, whittled down by centuries of studious doodling. The professor used to speak from the church-threatening cátedra, or pulpit. It was here that freethinking Fray Luis de Leon angered Inquisition forces by bringing the scriptures to the people in their own language. After being jailed and tortured for five years, he returned to his place and started his first post-imprisonment lecture with, "As we were saying ..."

Near the university stands the Church of San Esteban, dedicated to St. Stephen (Esteban) the martyr. The church contains impressive cloisters, a pantheon of tombs and a museum with illustrated 16th century choir books. But everything is overwhelmed by the church's Churriguera altarpiece, a textbook example of the style named after the artist. Quietly ponder the gold-plated cottage cheese as tourists shake their heads and say "too much" in their mother tongue.

Salamanca's many students help keep prices down. The young people congregate under the stars until late in the night, chanting and cheering, talking and singing. Over the centuries, the university's poorer students earned money to fund their education by singing in Salamanca's streets in a tradition called "tuna music." The name tuna, which has nothing to do with fish, refers to a vagabond student lifestyle and later was applied to the music these students sing. This 15th to 18th century tradition survives today as groups of students, dressed in the traditional black capes and leggings, sing and play mandolins and guitars, serenading the public in the bars on and around the Plaza Mayor. While they make their serious money performing for weddings on weekends, you'll likely see them out singing for tips on summer weeknights.

For a fun meal, do the tapa tango. Salamanca bars offer a great selection of tapas, or appetizers, featuring a tasty variety of treats — seafood, salads, meat-filled pastries, deep-fried goodies and so on. Wash down your tapa with iced gazpacho, a cool treat on a hot day.

Don't miss the charms of the sunny sandstone city of Salamanca — with Spain's grandest plaza, its oldest university, and a fascinating history all swaddled in an affordable and fun-loving college-town ambiance.

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GEOQUIZ ANSWER

Answer: Charleston. Wheeling was the location of state government from 1863 to 1870. It then was moved to Charleston in 1870, back to Wheeling in 1875 and back to Charleston for good in 1885.

CELEBRITY TRAVEL

For Alisun, first trip to Miami 'felt like fish returning home'

By Jae-Ha Kim
Tribune Content Agency

Singer-songwriter Alisun said she has fond memories of her trip to Thailand. **CHINO LEMUS**

When Alison Solis was growing up in Los Angeles, the Mexican-Cuban singer said she at times felt the sting of judgment from people who viewed her as too much of a minority, while some minorities said she presented as being too white. "I've definitely experienced the 'go back to where you came from' type of bullying as a kid," said Solis, who simply goes by Alisun professionally. "I (used to) try to actively avoid being in the sun to look lighter and blend in more, since I always had a lot more melanin than everyone in my class. I loved (Disney's) 'Pocahontas' growing up and felt super connected to her. But when I started being called Pocahontas in a mocking way, I let go of that idealization. I've definitely been free of this for a long time, but I understand what it's like to be a bit too ethnic in a mainly white community but also too white or privileged in a more blended community." The Los Angeles-based songwriter recently released her debut EP "Mundieo."

Q: Will you be touring this year to promote "Mundieo"?
A: Dates aren't determined for anything yet, but we're definitely in the process of figuring out a potential tour in the future.

Q: What was the dominant language growing up in a multicultural home?
A: I actually only spoke Spanish until I started preschool, then learned English along the way, forgot some Spanish, gained it back. ... But, yes, we always speak it at home, even (though I still) mess up some words.

Q: Where have you had the best vegan food on your travels?
A: I think within the United States, Miami, New York and Los Angeles. Outside of the U.S., Costa Rica has a lot of great holistic options, Thailand, Paris and London. I think South America is slowly but surely allowing it to rise and Mexico is too. But the carnivorous traditions are deeper there for people to be open to faster change.

Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?
A: I really loved Thailand and would recommend going out into the natural parts of it, trying their unique fruits. Get a Thai massage, try some teas.

Q: What was the first trip you took as a child?
A: My first trip I remember was to Miami and I loved it so much! I felt like a fish returning home.

Q: What's the most important thing you've learned from your travels?
A: To have an open mind and embrace the beauty of diversity, and that we aren't as different as many of us think we are.

Q: If you could only pick one place to eat, would you prefer a food truck or fine dining?
A: I would pick anywhere with well-made vegan food, because quality is super important. To find a good vegan chef somewhere is the best feeling ever for me.

Q: Where have you traveled to that most reminded you of home?
A: Bahamas and jungle places, because I feel they allow me to feel my inner vastness and wildness.

Q: Where would you like to go that you have never been to before?
A: I would love to discover more of Africa.

Q: What is your guilty pleasure when you're on the road?
A: Probably bingeing shows when I have spare time. And I do occasionally fall into the TikTok social media wormhole.

Q: What is your best vacation memory?
A: Probably being in the ocean near many fish. I spoke to one of the fish in my mind and it responded and came to me like I asked. It was a once in a lifetime thing and was incredible.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Car renter charged after she sought help finding lost ring

By Christopher Elliott
King Features Syndicate

Q: I recently rented a car with Enterprise in Miami. While I was using the vehicle, I lost my engagement ring. I told an employee about it, and he agreed to look for my jewelry.

The next day, I called Enterprise to see if they had found the ring. An employee told me that they would charge me for some repairs while looking for the ring and that the ring was "a hazard."

Two days later, I found my engagement ring at home.

Eventually, I received a bill from the Enterprise claims department for $452 for damage done to the car while looking for my ring. I told them I didn't think that was fair. I returned the car exactly as I had picked it up.

Can you help me?

— Carmen Santos, Miami

A: I've had plenty of cases involving renters damaging their cars. But this is the first story of a car rental company charging a customer for its own damage.

Enterprise's bill is interesting. It charged you almost $100 for "scanning" the vehicle.

Then there's work to the glove box and the instrument panel, with almost eight hours of labor. It looks like the car rental company took your rental apart to find your engagement ring.

I'm not saying these charges are bogus. But someone from Enterprise should have apprised you of the extra charges for finding your ring. Unless you told the company, "Do whatever it takes to find the ring; I don't care about the cost" — which you didn't — Enterprise should have obtained approval before tearing the car apart.

Your case offers a lesson in the importance of effective communication. If you ask a company for something, make sure you get a price before it starts the work. If the price is right, try to get an estimate in writing. Otherwise, you could get broadsided by the final bill.

You might have sent a brief, polite appeal to Enterprise in writing, noting that you did not knowingly order the work performed on the car. If the company insisted on charging you, then you could have appealed to one of the Enterprise corporate contacts I list on my website at www.elliott.org.

I contacted Enterprise on your behalf to find out more about your charges. The company contacted you and said it would drop the $452 bill.

Keep an eye on your engagement ring the next time you rent a car.

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Water-resistant, breathable shoes created by nurse pals

By Nancy Clanton
Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Uni shoes, designed by nurses, are not only slip-resistant and stain-repellent, but they also have an antimicrobial treatment that kills viruses, bacteria and microbes. **UNI**

When you're on your feet most of the day, you want your shoes to work as hard as you do. And when you're a nurse, you need them to do more than just support you.

Although some athletic shoes might fit the bill, two Los Angeles friends were disappointed at the lack of footwear options for them as nurses. So they decided to design their own.

"Footwear is the one aspect of our uniform that we have some freedom to choose our own individual style," Alex Pastorkovich and Loftin Dortch told Nurse.org. "We wanted a shoe that we, and all health care workers, could be excited to put on each day. We thought, 'Why can't we have a shoe that takes care of our feet for a 12-hour shift, while also looking super stylish?' So we said, 'Let's make one!' And that was the beginning of Uni."

Uni comes from "uniform" and "unique," two aspects of the shoes important to the friends.

"We designed our shoes to be worn with a uniform, but wanted them to be so much more than that," Dortch said. "We started thinking about how health care workers are so much more than the uniform they put on each day. Each individual is unique and we wanted Uni to be an outlet for them to showcase their individual style at work."

> ***"We designed our shoes to be worn with a uniform, but wanted them to be so much more than that."*** — *Loftin Dortch*

As part of their uniform, the shoes need to be more than just attractive, though. The friends told Nurse.org their shoes are not only comfortable, slip-resistant and stain-repellent, but they also have an antimicrobial treatment that kills viruses, bacteria and microbes. In addition, the shoes have a layer that makes them water-resistant without the use of chemicals or sprays.

"This unique feature allows our shoes to remain breathable, which prevents feet from getting overheated during those long 12-plus hour shifts," Dortch said. "Our fabric also provides unmatched durability that can stand up to the harshest work conditions, significantly increasing the life of the shoes."

The shoes are available for preorder, with hundreds expected to be ready in March.

"We want to see Unis in hospitals, offices and clinics all across the country," the nurses said. "We had our co-workers in mind through the entire shoe design process and we can't wait for everyone to get a pair."

Quieting squeaky sneakers

Ellen Warren
Answer Angel

DREAMSTIME

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I have a gently worn pair of black Skechers gym shoes. For the past six months or so they have produced a very noticeable and embarrassing squeak while walking on any surface. They have not been soaked in water. I saw an article online about using baby powder to remove any moisture and thus removing the "squeak." Is baby powder the only way?
— *Barb M.*

Dear Barb: Your shoes don't have to be "soaked" to squeak. Even stepping in a puddle could have caused your problem — especially since your sneakers were quiet at first, then started to make the annoying noise. There are plenty of possible solutions besides baby powder, though I have used the powder ploy with success. Sprinkle it under the removable inner sole that most gym shoes have. (If no inner sole, sprinkle it inside the shoe anyhow.) The following are other solutions.

■ If the squeak sounds like it's coming from friction with the floor (especially wood floors), slightly rough up the soles with sandpaper. If it's not a floor squeak that bothers you, try the following.

■ Rub a thin layer of Vaseline (petroleum jelly) beneath the insole.

■ Throw shoes in the dryer on low for five to 10 minutes with a sponge moistened with fabric softener.

■ Try placing a dryer sheet under the insole (insole friction might be the culprit).

■ WD-40 is a solution for lots of household problems, including this one. Soak the corner of a rag, washcloth or cotton ball with WD-40 and apply to the outside sole area (not the bottom of the shoe) but use it only on the rubber part, not suede!

■ The little silicon gel packets you find in your new purse or inside new shoes are there to absorb moisture and sweat. Toss them inside the shoes for a day or two. Don't have any? Buy them on amazon.com for $8 and up.

■ If none of those work, try replacing the laces, which could be rubbing against the eyelets and causing the squeak.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: In my job with little children, I raise my arms often. I notice that many of my shirts have white armpit streaks because of deodorant. I love my deodorant and have been using it for decades. Do all deodorants cause white marks on shirt armpits? How about the ones marked as "invisible"? I would appreciate any guidance on what kind of deodorant I should use that won't create these marks. And any recommendations on getting rid of those white marks that are already on many of my shirts?
— *Jen R.*

Dear Jen: Your white streaks might be caused by aluminum in your deodorant. Readers tell me switching to all-natural or aluminum-free deodorants eliminates future white streaks. There also are easy fixes to remove existing streaks. Rub the area with wet wipes, a dryer sheet, pantyhose, a nylon sock, foam from a dry cleaner hanger, a dry or slightly moist sponge or even a washcloth or towel corner, dry or slightly moistened.

Also check for white streaks on other parts of garments you've put on over your head. If possible, put on the deodorant after you've wrestled the shirt, dress or sweater on.

You didn't ask about this, but if you've got clothing with yellow underarm perspiration stains — a tougher problem — soak in white vinegar mixed with warm water in a 1-to-4 ratio. Or apply a paste of baking soda and water (1-to-3), rub into the stain, let sit for a few hours then wash as usual. Test on a hem or other inconspicuous spot first.

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REAL ESTATE

Burlington Coat Factory is being relocated to make room for a 214-apartment complex at the Westlake Shopping Center in Daly City, California. In total, Westlake will have around 400 apartments. **KELSEY MCCLELLAN/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS**

Malls seek to bring shopping CLOSER TO HOME

Developers aim to increase foot traffic, revenue by adding apartments

By Jordyn Holman
The New York Times

The Westlake Shopping Center, which opened in the 1950s in Daly City, California, is one of the first modern malls in the country. Over the past seven decades, it has survived the rise of online retailers, the shuttering of anchor stores and operating restrictions related to the pandemic. Now comes its latest test: the addition of nearly 400 apartments.

The strategy, which is being closely watched by retail experts, is expected to increase foot traffic and generate more revenue from the new residents who might be more inclined to shop in their own neighborhood.

"They're able to feed off each other," said Conor Flynn, CEO of Kimco Realty, the real estate investment trust that owns Westlake. "It's almost like an ecosystem where the customer shops your retail, the retailers will support the apartments and drive a premium for the apartments."

The combination of malls and apartments is not a new concept, but more landlords across the country are rethinking their use of space in this way. The strategy builds on the live-work-play communities that are built to accommodate the needs of its residents and have been become popular in the past decade with young adults seeking amenities within walking distance.

Seeing to give Westlake Shopping Center a town square vibe, Kimco built a main street through the center of it and added more dining options.

"Malls, in their own right, generally are well located because they were built at the complement of two major interstates or highways, and they have large land mass," said Rich Latella, an executive managing director at the commercial real estate services firm Cushman & Wakefield.

During the pandemic, malls found themselves suddenly having to fill thousands of square feet left vacant by struggling retailers like J.C. Penney and Gap. Others realized too much space was allocated to their parking lots. In December, the owner of Westfield Old Orchard, a mall in Skokie, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, announced that it would tear down a vacant Bloomingdale's store to make space for hundreds of apartments by 2026. In the same month, a real estate investment trust in Fairfax County, Virginia, received approval

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ELITE STREET

Lincoln Park mansion listed for $12.5M

Listing makes it the 3rd-priciest home currently on the market in Chicago

By Bob Goldsborough
For Chicago Tribune

A seven-bedroom, 11,000-square-foot mansion in Lincoln Park came on the market Feb. 23 for $12.5 million.

Built in 2001 and spread across three city lots, the limestone mansion is owned by Jennifer Dicke Prewitt, who is the daughter of James F. Dicke II, and her husband, Andrew Prewitt. James F. Dicke II is chairman and CEO of Ohio-based Crown Equipment Corp.

The Prewitts paid $5.3 million for the mansion in 2012.

The three-story house has six full bathrooms, two half-bathrooms and a three-story staircase atrium with large picture windows. It also has a kitchen with two islands, three full-sized refrigerators, six freezer drawers, a walk-in pantry, butler's pantry, and wine and beverage refrigerators.

Other features in the mansion include an office, a mud room, top-floor office and a lower level with a great room, mirrored exercise space, second laundry room, wine room and radiant heat. The mansion received all-new windows and French doors in fall 2022.

Outside is an attached three-car heated garage with a rooftop deck, a detached two-car garage, fire pit, trellis, kitchen, patio and sport court.

Listing agent Suzanne Gignilliat, who represented the Prewitts in buying the mansion in 2012, is the listing agent. She could not be immediately reached for comment. Andrew Prewitt also did not respond to a request for comment.

The mansion had an $89,827 property tax bill in the 2021 tax year. The mansion is the third-highest-priced single-family house within Chicago's city limits currently on the market.

Among single-family homes, the only higher listing prices are for a six-bedroom,

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A Lincoln Park mansion listed Thursday for $12.5 million is the third-priciest home currently on the market in Chicago. **COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR**

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REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Your basic real estate questions, answered

By Ilyce Glink and Samuel J. Tamkin
Tribune Content Agency

Q: If I pay off my home mortgage, what happens to the equity that I've built up in the home?
A: Home equity is the difference between what you owe a lender and what the home is worth. Let's say you have a home that's worth $300,000 and you have a mortgage on the home for $200,000. The mortgage is your "debt." Subtract the mortgage loan balance ($200,000) from the current value of the home ($300,000) to come up with the amount of equity you currently have in the property ($100,000).

When you pay off the mortgage, and any home equity loan you've taken against the home, the property is said to be "free and clear" of the lender. Now, the entire value of the home, which is the equity, would be yours if you sell the property, minus any sales commission or fees you pay. If your home is worth $300,000 and there are no loans, you would have equity of $300,000 in the property. If you were to sell the home when you had $200,000 in debt, your proceeds from the sale would be your equity of $100,000 minus costs of the sale. If you've paid off the home, you'd get $300,000 minus the costs of the sale.

Q: In Illinois, do changes to a condominium's rules and regulations require approval from the association residents?
A: Sam often tells his clients that they have to think of the governing documents in a homeowners association like the laws and rules that govern the U.S. The condominium declaration or homeowners association declaration is like the Constitution of the United States, and the rules and regulations are like laws passed by the Congress. If your association's main document says that rentals are not allowed and you want to change that, you're going to have to get a majority (or, in some cases, a supermajority) of homeowners to vote for that change. Now, if the governing document says that rentals are allowed, subject to rules enacted by the board of the association, the board will have discretion to make those rules without the unit owner's approval. Basically — and there are exceptions to this — a homeowners association or condo board association votes for the members of the board of directors. The board governs the association and has great leeway in making decisions on behalf of the unit owners. In general, the board does not need unit owners' approval to enact rules and regulations for the association. Also, only owners have the right to vote for the members of the board of directors of associations, and only owners get the right to vote for matters that come up in these meetings. If you are a renter in a unit in the building, you don't have the right to make decisions or tell the owners or the board of directors how they should run the building. You can make suggestions, but that's as far as it generally goes.

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SAVINGS UPDATE

What's the best CD term to buy now?

By Sabrina Karl

With the Federal Reserve a year into its rate hiking path, with more increases still expected, CD shoppers can find themselves in a bit of a quandary. What's the best CD term to buy right now?

When rates are low or at least stable, you generally do best buying the longest term for which you're comfortable locking up the funds. That's because in times of low or stable rates, five-year CDs tend to pay the most.

But when rates are in a known rising or declining pattern, what banks and credit unions are willing to pay on different durations shifts. While a rising Fed rate, like we've been facing since last March, raises CD rates in general, the best-paying term does not always remain the longest term.

Take the current rate landscape. The FDIC national averages for February show that rates paid on 1-year and 2-year CDs are higher than 3-, 4-, and 5-year certificates, with 1-year CDs having the highest national average of any term.

This is also true among the top rates from the best nationwide certificates. According to Investopedia's daily CD rankings, the top rates on 1 year, 18 months, and 2 years, are all above 5%, while the 3-year and 5-year top rates are in the upper 4% range.

For those wanting to hold funds in CDs for the long term, 5-year certificates are still a good option since you'll be guaranteed a rate that's competitive today for five years to come. But if you're looking for a short- to mid-term play to capitalize on today's high rates, a 2-year CD might be best, as it offers among today's highest rates while presumably outliving the Fed's increases. Though rates may drop in 2024, you'd still be locked into one of today's best rates until 2025.

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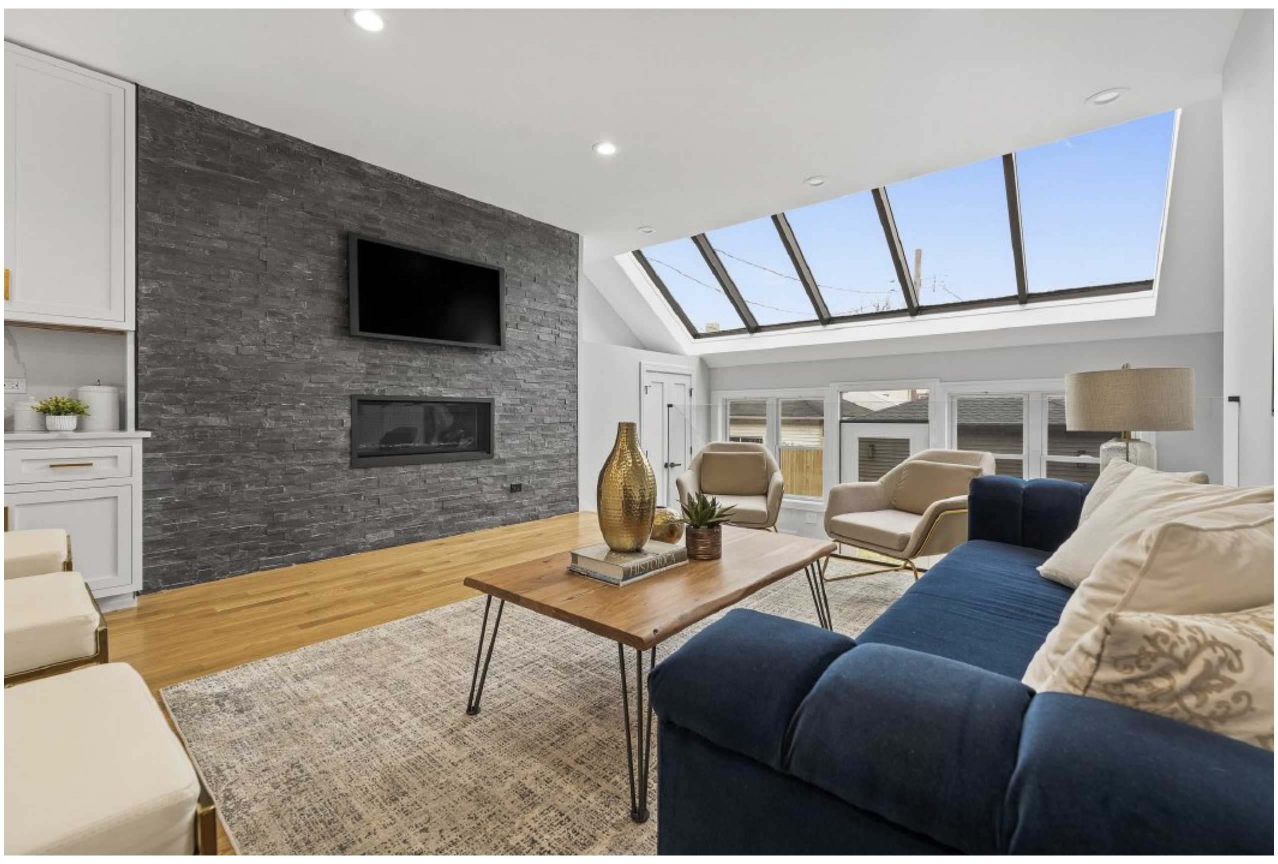

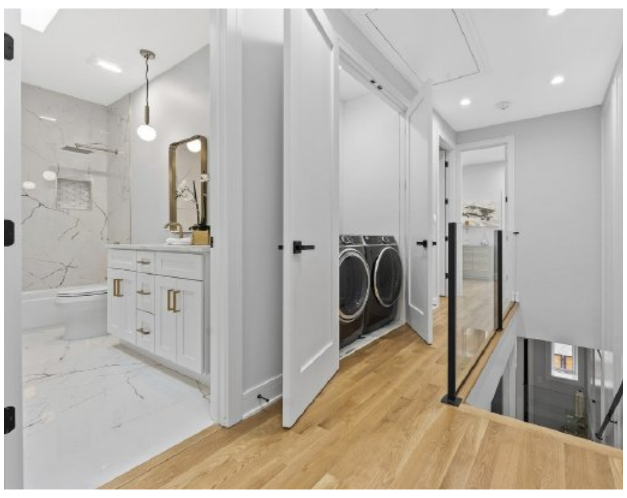

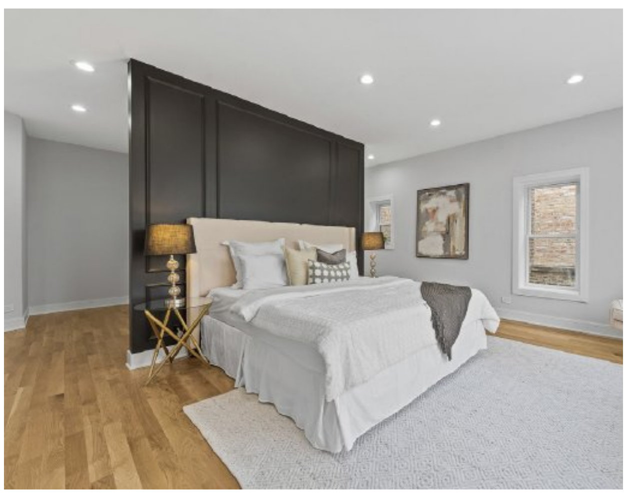

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HOME OF THE WEEK

In Logan Square, 5-bedroom greystone with wine cellar: $1.5M

Address: 2531 N. Francisco Ave., Chicago
Price: $1,540,000
Listed: Feb. 15, 2023

This five-bedroom, three-and-a-half bathroom home with a two-and-a-half-car garage features oak hardwood floors and skylights throughout. The first floor features a gas fireplace, dining space, wine cellar and a butler's pantry. In the kitchen there's a double-sided kitchen island with waterfall quartz countertops. Three bedrooms and two bathrooms are on the second floor, as well as laundry. The primary bedroom's bathroom features a double vanity, heated flooring and quartz countertops. The basement of this property contains the other two bedrooms, a bathroom, a recreation space and wet bar and another laundry room.

Agents: Ben Lalez and Alex Bok of The Ben Lalez Team, Compass, 312-789-4054.

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HOME REMEDIES

Don't skip these essential tasks

By Paul F.P. Pogue
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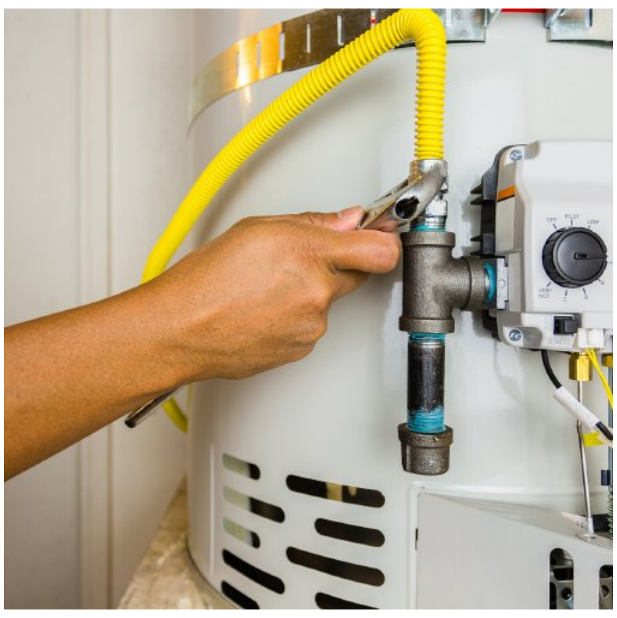

A yearly water heater flush will make a big difference in your heater's life span. **DREAMSTIME**

Some jobs around your home make you more comfortable; others fix what is broken. But some of the most important ones are maintenance tasks, the work that stops problems before they happen.

Not all these tasks may apply to your home, but if you have these features, Angi experts and home pros recommend that you not skip these essential jobs.

Flush water heater tank

- Once per year
- National average: $200

If you have a traditional tank water heater, it builds up sediment over the months. This kind of buildup can harm your tank in many ways, by slowing down water flow interfering with heating, and even leaks or bursts.

A yearly drain-and-flush process can prevent these problems. (If you have particularly hard water, you might need to do this every six months.) It's a potentially DIY project, but one best left to the pros in case something goes wrong.

Clean gutters

- One to four times per year
- National average: $120-$220

Gutter cleaning is one of the single most crucial pieces of home maintenance. Clogged gutters can back water up onto your roof, causing mold and damage. During winter, clogs can make water freeze and refreeze into ice dams for even more damage. And when water pours uncontrollably from the edge of your home, it tends to pool at your foundation, potentially put pressure on your basement walls and erode the yard. Cleaning leaves and debris from your gutters prevent this.

Trim trees and shrubs

- At least once per year
- National average: $200-$760

Tree trimming is one of the best ways to help enhance the appearance of your trees and help them thrive. Snipping away older, weaker branches helps the rest of the tree stay in good shape.

Keeping trees in good shape also protects your home from potential fallen branches, so your neighbors and insurance company will thank you.

Bushes present less of a danger, but they should still be kept neatly trimmed and in good order. Well-manicured bushes brighten up your curb appeal and keep insects from having easy access to your walls and windows.

Power wash exterior surfaces

- Once per year
- National average: $100-$650

Sooner or later, your brightly painted home becomes dull and flat. A power washing job can help that by blasting away the grime and improving curb appeal in an afternoon.

But power washing is about more than just looking good. Mold and mildew on your siding can damage it over the years, in addition to being unsightly.

By the way, although they sound similar, power washing and pressure washing are slightly different. Power washing actually heats the water and uses more cleaning agents.

Basement inspection

- Once a year
- National average: $300-$600

If you have a basement, you should take a look at it every spring. If you have serious concerns, you can hire a pro or structural engineer to check it out at a cost of a few hundred dollars.

You can also perform a self-inspection yourself each spring to look out for trouble. Leaks and basement cracks can do a lot of internal damage and rack up big repair bills if not addressed quickly.

Seek out cracks in the joints and on the walls. Small cracks might not be a big deal, but mark their location with a pencil and check them every so often to see if they grow. Large or growing cracks require the attention of an expert.

Also keep an eye out for water damage, mold, musty odors and any other sign something's not right.

Next retirement communities won't be just for senior citizens

By Patrick Sisson
The New York Times

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Getting older comes with challenges. For architect and designer Matthias Hollwich, one of the more taxing ones is something often taken for granted: moving.

His point — that leaving behind friends, social connections and the purpose of a particular job can be physically and psychologically debilitating for older adults — underscores how developers, architects and city leaders are reimagining the retirement home.

"I want to give people the power to change their living conditions without moving away," he said.

Hollwich, a co-author of "New Aging," is developing a new senior living concept. Aiming to retrofit an office building in Manhattan left bare by remote work, the concept, called FLX Live, will feature communal dining, a spa, and co-working spaces and shared suites in which older adults, sleeping in private bedrooms with kitchenettes, will share living rooms with younger renters, resulting in lower rent for both parties. Operators will deliberately recruit an age-diverse community.

Driven by an aging population, a more active vision of retirement, and a shortage of senior housing options and support services, developers are increasingly embracing this urban village model of housing, which offers a sharp contrast to the typical isolated suburban retirement communities.

These projects are becoming more viable as city and business leaders realize that seniors help support local shops including cafes, bookstores and salons.

"The stigma around older adults is going away," said Tama Duffy Day, an architect and principal at the architecture firm Gensler. "Hospitality and residential developments understand that older adults are a huge market."

Affordable senior rentals in urban areas would have been a dicier real estate proposition decades ago, when homeownership rates were higher and more mortgage-free older Americans hoped to age in place, decreasing the pool of potential renters.

Seniors still predominantly own their homes, but demographics are shifting.

An increasing number of adults in their 30s and 40s never plan to own a home, per recent research from Apartment List and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

A more diverse older population, increasingly without close family connections and often hard hit during market downturns such as the 2008 recession, means the number of affordable units needed for future seniors is "daunting," said Jennifer Molinsky of Harvard's Joint Center on Housing Studies. The United States will have 16 million middle-income seniors by 2033, according to research by NORC at the University of Chicago, a social research organization.

This new approach to senior housing focuses on local resources, a model that not only serves both younger and older renters, but also can offer cheaper rent, because the connection to community organizations and the shared amenities of nearby parks and public programming can reduce the cost of providing such services in-house.

Kallimos Communities, a development concept created by Bill Thomas, a leader in progressive senior housing, features multigenerational neighborhoods of 50 to 60 smaller homes, with common spaces and programming staff who will plan group meals and social events.

The initial response has included significant interest from older couples "seeking to be part of a community," said Megan Marama, COO of Kallimos.

The "awakening" around housing that has a more communal orientation parallels the way cities in the pandemic era are rethinking how to reinvigorate downtowns with more residential conversions; strict categories and rules are being revisited, said Day of Gensler.

"Cities are becoming more aware of the fact that we need to keep people in these cities and in an urban setting for it to remain active," she said.

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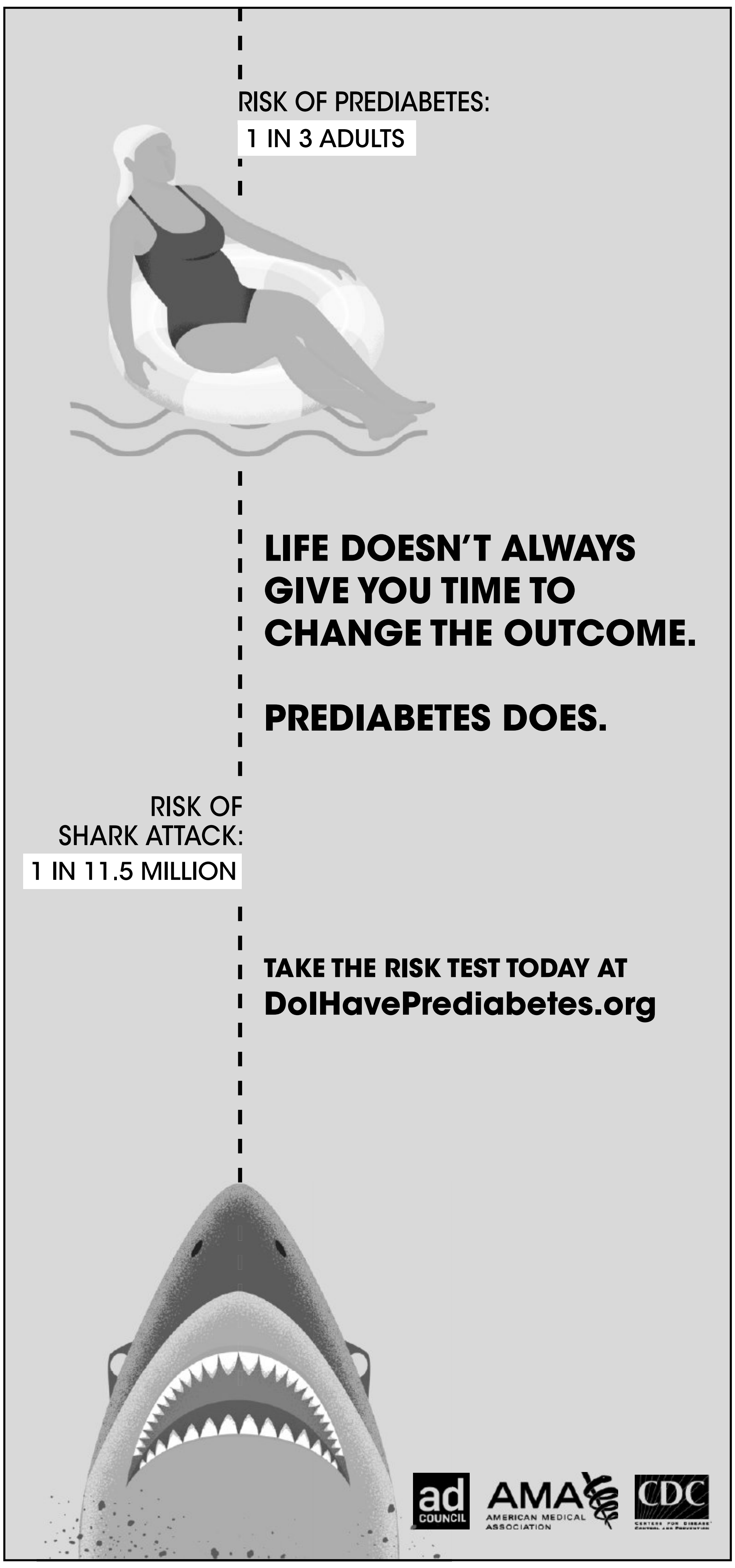

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Malls

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to build an apartment building at its Springfield Town Center.

In Rhode Island, buyers have jumped at the opportunity to live in Arcade Providence, which was built in 1828 and is often referred to as the oldest enclosed mall in America. A decade ago, its owner converted the top two floors into micro-lofts, most of which went on the market in 2021.

Kristen O'Grady, 55, bought a 360-square-foot apartment there, which she uses primarily as an office for her graphic design work. A few times a month, she sleeps in the loft, which is outfitted with a kitchen, a bed, a shower, a wardrobe and an area for a desk.

"I like to say it's a dorm for grown-ups," she said.

But mall owners face challenges, including evolving consumer tastes, zoning changes and local resistance.

Since the internet disrupted consumer shopping habits, malls have been trying to make a case for their existence. As old anchor stores have downsized, closed or filed for bankruptcy, malls have made space for grocery store chains, climbing gyms, COVID-19 vaccine sites and dialysis centers in an effort to increase foot traffic and give shoppers a reason to stay longer.

Mall owners know they're sitting on valuable property. Despite the slow demise of the department store business that was central to malls' success when they were being built across the United States in the mid- to late 20th century, these centers still have several upsides.

"One good thing that came out of COVID for retail was people's desire to be together, a sense of community, a lot more social activities — and one of those social activities is going to the malls," said Gabriella Santaniello, founder of A Line Partners, a retail consulting firm. "That's been great for general foot traffic. But you have to change with the times."

At the Westlake Shopping Center, Kimco plans to turn the space that was once the Burlington Coat Factory into a 214-apartment complex. Kimco had already received approval from Daly City to build its first set of apartments, and the trust worked with Burlington to relocate the off-price retailer to the front of the center, giving it space to build even more apartments and still have room for nearly 11,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space, Flynn said. In total, Westlake will have about 400 apartments.

Carla Ocfemia, who owns a dog-friendly bakery at Westlake Shopping Center, in Daly City, Calif., Dec. 20. The residential feeling there, even before apartments are constructed there, was a selling point for Ocfemia.
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Kimco bought the shopping center in 2002 for $80 million, and it has since navigated the storms that have befallen brick-and-mortar retail. Four years after the acquisition, a Home Depot was built on the site of a former J.C. Penney. Seeking to give Westlake a town-square vibe, Kimco built a main street through the center of it and added more dining options.

Twenty years later, that Home Depot is still there, as well as a Safeway, a Target, a Ross and a number of small businesses. The property is also near a stop for BART, the public transit system in the Bay Area.

Winning over retailers is still a top priority for developers that want to add residences.

"One of the reasons it took so long to get to this point is because department stores had long-term agreements with the mall owner," Latella of Cushman said. These deals, known as reciprocal easement agreements, allowed department stores to have a say over the makeup in the mall.

"Oftentimes, it was hard to get the department store to agree to do nontraditional retail uses on the site," he added.

Mall owners also have to alleviate retailers' concerns around parking issues and traffic jams during and after construction. But as more of these projects come to the market, they start building a case for themselves, developers say.

Flynn has made it a priority for Kimco to find ways to add residences to its 550 properties. Now the property owner is building about 1,000 apartments a year and taking a ground-lease approach, meaning that it works with a third-party developer to construct the apartments. Its goal is to have 15,000 apartments that are approved or built by 2025.

Kimco's redevelopment strategy is reaping benefits: Last year, foot traffic across its portfolio was up just 0.6% from the year before, but it rose 5.3% at properties that have a mixed-use element, the company said.

"The biggest challenge, I think, is time," Flynn said. "You've got to have a time horizon where sometimes these projects take five to 10 years before they even get entitled or put a shovel in the ground."

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25,000-square-foot mansion in Lincoln Park, which is on the market for almost $30 million, and a 20,000-square-foot Gold Coast mansion that has an $18.75 million price tag.

Five condominium units also have asking prices that are greater than the $12.5 million that the Prewitts are seeking.

Archer-Daniels-Midland CEO Luciano buys Streeterville condo in One Bennett Park for $1.9M: Juan R. Luciano, the chairman and CEO of Chicago-based food processor and commodities trading company Archer-Daniels-Midland, and his wife, Carolina, on Jan. 31 paid $1.85 million for a condominium on the 46th floor of the One Bennett Park building in Streeterville.

The purchase is the second condo the couple have bought in the building, after paying $5.72 million in March 2022 for a three-bedroom, 4,798-square-foot half-floor unit on the 61st floor.

A native of Argentina who previously had worked at Dow Chemical, Luciano was named ADM's CEO in 2015, and he became chairman the following year.

The Lucianos bought the 46th-floor condo directly from One Bennett Park's developer, so details on it were not immediately available.

However, condos in One Bennett Park have been relatively slow to move. The building's developer sold 13 units in 2022. The Lucianos' $5.72 million purchase last year, by contrast, was a resale.

The Lucianos have been no strangers to owning high-rise condos in Streeterville.

They paid $1.61 million in 2013 for a 19th-floor condo in a nearby building and then paid $810,000 the following year for another 19th-floor unit in that building. Then, in 2018, they paid $1.51 million for a 27th-floor condo in that building.

They continue to own all three of those units.

An ADM spokeswoman told Elite Street that Luciano had no comment on the purchase.

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Spotting and avoiding Social Security scams

Once unheard of, Social Security scams pose an evolving and increasingly sophisticated threat to older Americans. The sheer number of the frauds is remarkable.

In 2021, the Federal Trade Commission received more than 568,000 reports of Social Security-related scam attempts, totaling more than $63.6 million in losses to victims, says Steve Grobman, senior vice president and chief technology officer at San Jose, California-based computer security software company McAfee Corp.

Often, fraudsters reach out by phone or email to potential victims, claiming to be from the Social Security Administration (SSA). These callers or emailers may use caller ID, texts or documents that appear legitimate but are not. Their fraudulent message to potential victims is that their Social Security benefits have been suspended or their Social Security Number (SSN) has been compromised as a result of suspicious activity.

They explain that because of these SSN or account issues, the person on the other end must pay a fine or debt, often using prepaid debit cards or retail gift cards.

Myriad red flags offer tipoffs these are rip-offs. First, the SSA contacts Americans through the traditional mail system, never by phone or email. The SSA doesn't threaten people with arrest or lawsuits if they balk at handing over money. The SSA doesn't ask people for their SSNs, suspend SSNs or offer greater benefits in return for payments.

Above all, it doesn't demand people pay the SSA by means of gift cards, prepaid debit cards, wire transfers, cryptocurrency or cash sent through the U.S. postal system.

If anyone — especially a stranger — ever asks you to pay anything using a prepaid gift card, it is undoubtedly a scam, says Daniel Farber Huang, CEO of New York City, New York-based financial and cybersecurity consultancy Echostream Group.

Perpetrators instruct the target to provide gift card numbers and PINs for the amount requested. "Once that information is shared to a scammer and they withdraw the funds, it's impossible for the victim to recover those lost funds," Huang says.

Also guard against "phishing" schemes that Internet scam artists use to trick recipients into divulging confidential information. These attempts are often carried out by asking recipients to click on malicious links or open pernicious attachments.

"For scams in general, including this one, look for fear tactics to get you to act now," says Hope Oje, author of "SCAM! The Book." "Process the communication you've received before you act. If it sounds scary or forceful, it could be fake."

Proactive steps

One of the oft-recommended steps in helping combat Social Security fraud is creating your own personal "my Social Security" account.

"Only one account can exist per Social Security number," says John Wilson, senior fellow, threat research, at Eden Prairie, Minnesota-based cybersecurity software provider Fortra. "Make sure you're the one creating and controlling the account for your number. Use it to monitor earnings and benefit distributions for accuracy."

Independently verify information you receive purporting to be from the SSA. "If you are concerned a claim against you may be legitimate, never reply to any phone number, email or link that may be included in the warning message," Huang says.

Instead, he says, research online to find the official phone number or website of the entity making the threat, and contact it directly to verify information is authentic.

While government agencies reach out through mail, "so can scammers, so you need to independently verify any correspondence you receive for legitimacy," he says.

If you receive a call you consider suspicious, hang up on the caller and report the call to oig.ssa.gov. Don't return calls, emails or texts from entities you don't know. Don't provide callers, texters or emailers money or personal information.

If you are victimized and unknowingly provide personal information, check your credit reports for unauthorized charges or changes, Huang says. "Review your reports," he adds. "Make note of any account or transaction you don't recognize and contact those companies to report the fraud. Also, freeze your credit. A credit freeze is a free service you can use to protect yourself from credit fraud resulting from identity theft. When you freeze your credit reports, it makes it harder for criminals who may have stolen your personal credentials such as account numbers, passwords or Social Security number to take out loans or open new credit cards in your name."

Report suspicions

The SSA asks those receiving suspect communications to gather as much information as possible. If possible, capture a screenshot or photo of the email, text message or website. Recipients should attempt to capture the entire message and any links included in the message. They should also inform the SSA as to whether they received the suspect message directly or came across it in some other way.

Suspicious U.S. postal mailings should be scanned or photographed in their entirety, including the front and back of the outside envelope. The mailing should be retained for at least 30 days after the report has been made to the SSA, because the administration may want to take possession of the hard copy of the mailing.

Frauds can be reported on the "Report Fraud" website of the Office of the Inspector General, Social Security Administration at oig.ssa.gov/report.

"With a Social Security Number, a thief can unlock everything from credit history and credit line to tax refunds and medical care," Grobman reports. "In extreme cases, thieves can use it to impersonate others. So if you suspect your number is lost or stolen, it's important to report identify theft to Social Security right away. Your SSN is effectively forever, which means if it's stolen, you're still faced with clearing up any of the malicious activity associated with the theft, potentially for quite some time. That's yet another reason why the protection of your SSN deserves particular attention."

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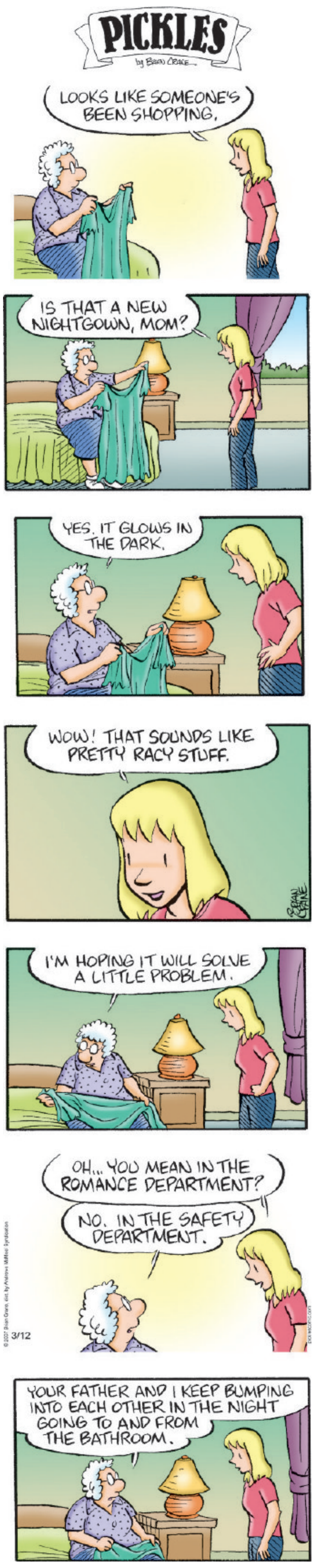
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YES. IT GLOWS IN THE DARK.
WOW! THAT SOUNDS LIKE PRETTY RACY STUFF.
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I'M HOPING IT WILL SOLVE A LITTLE PROBLEM.
OH... YOU MEAN IN THE ROMANCE DEPARTMENT?
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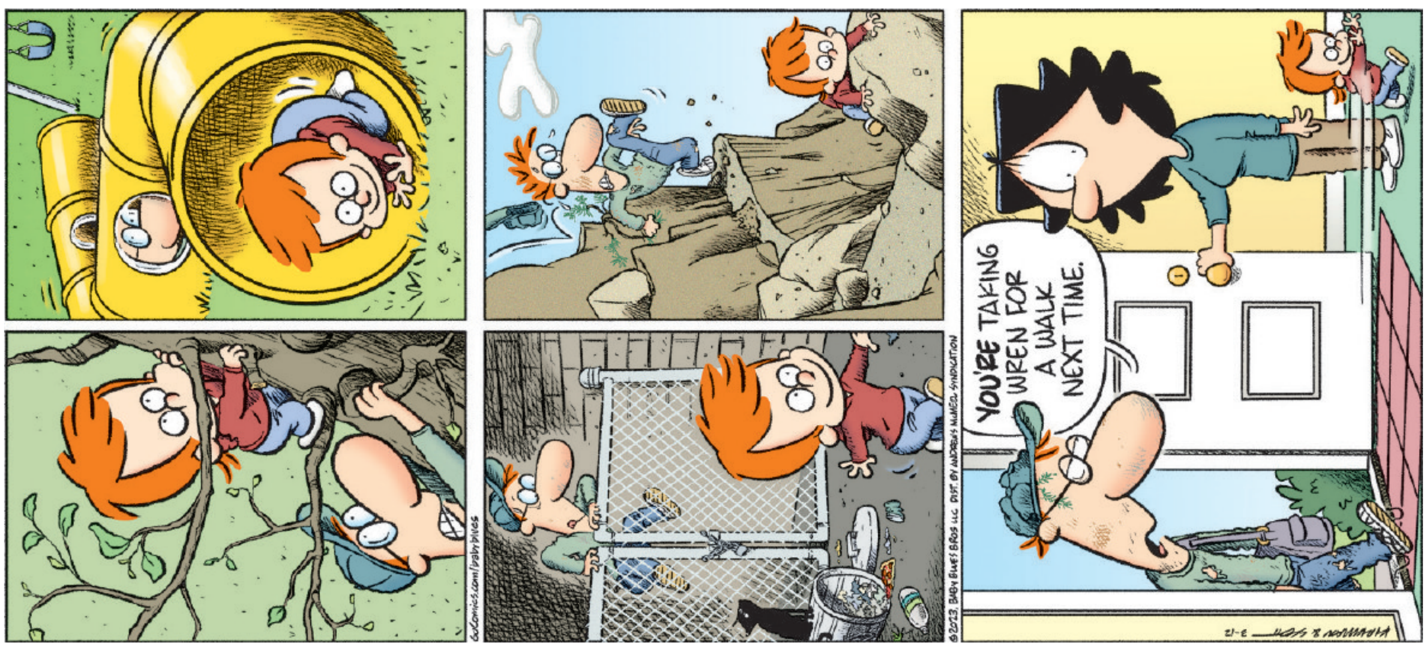
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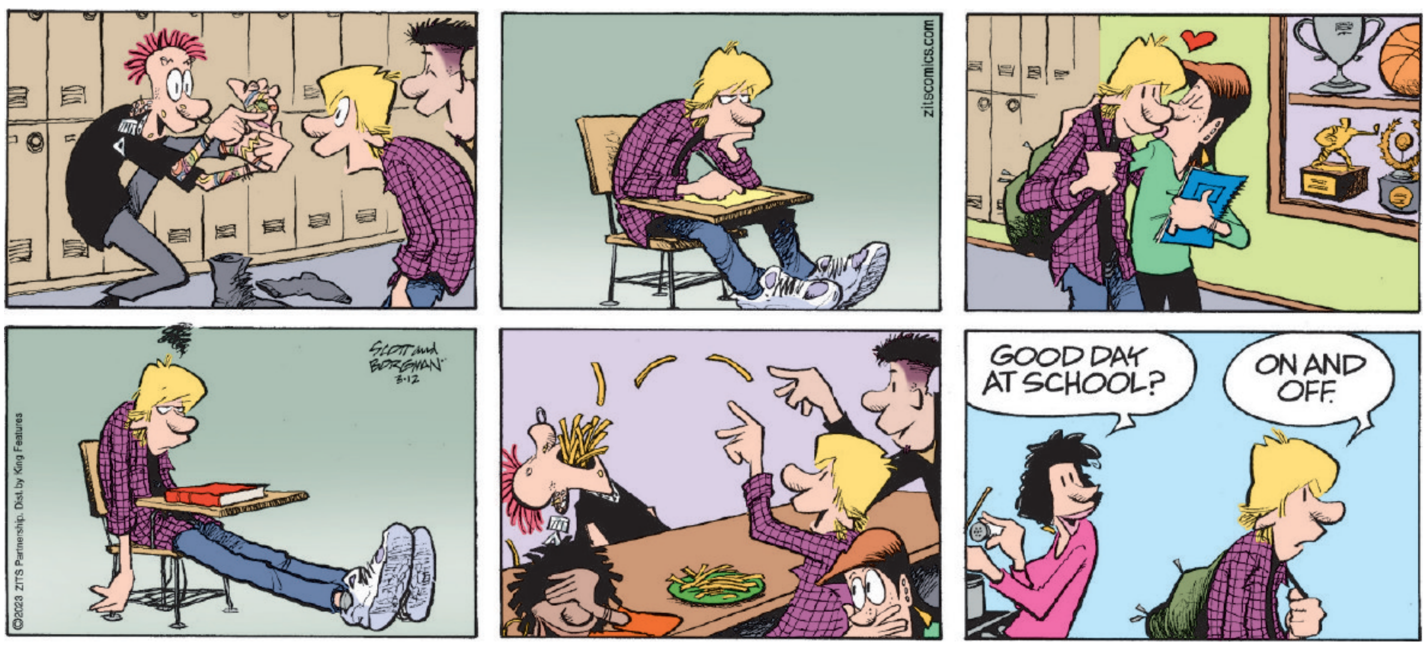
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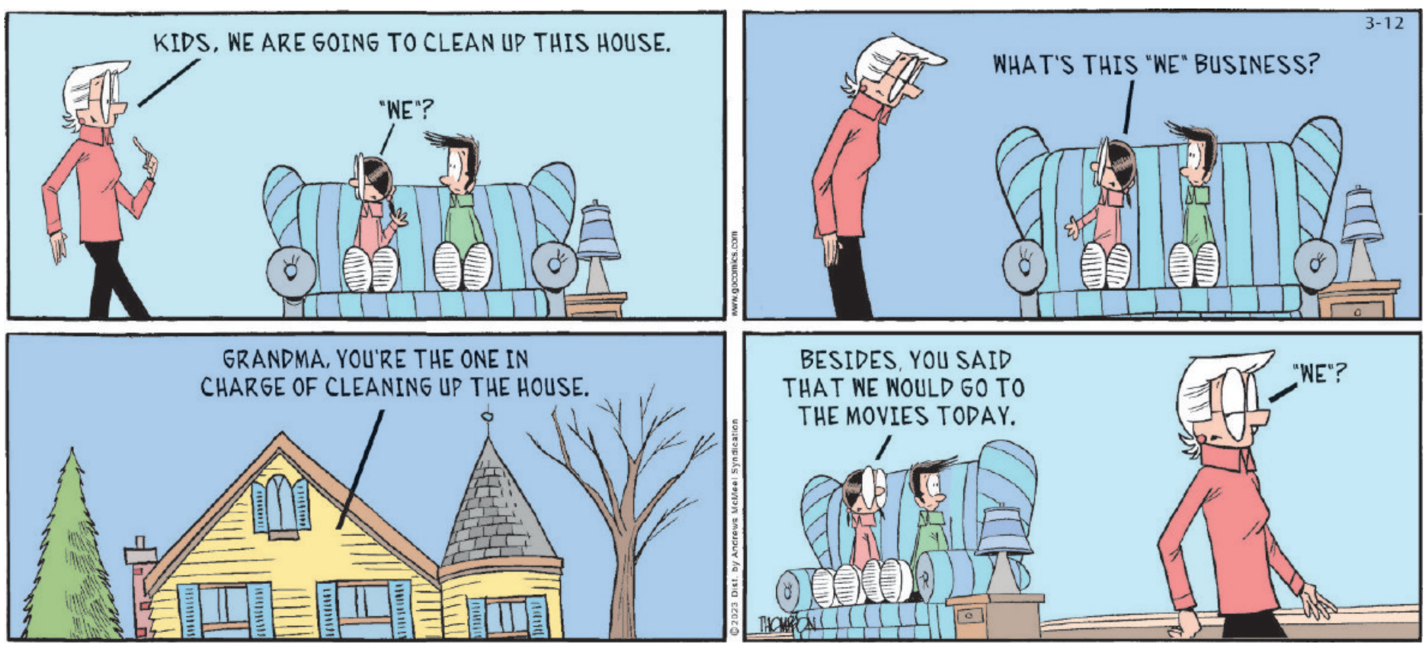
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"WE"?
WHAT'S THIS "WE" BUSINESS?
GRANDMA, YOU'RE THE ONE IN CHARGE OF CLEANING UP THE HOUSE.
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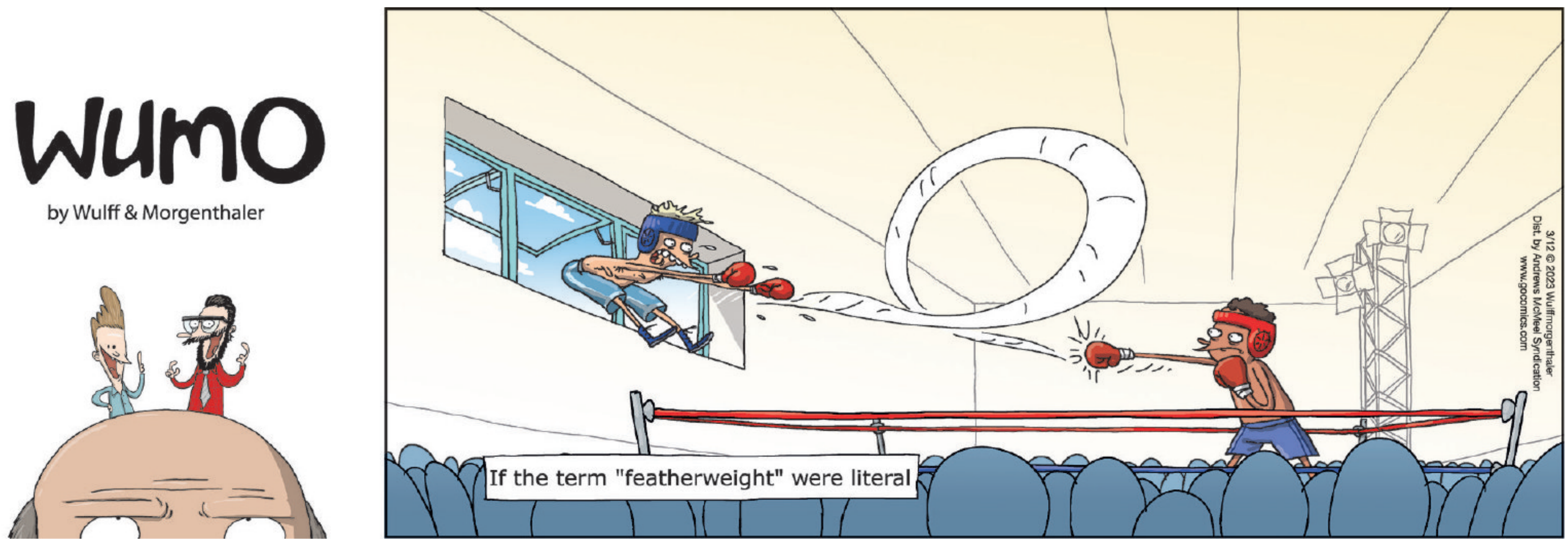
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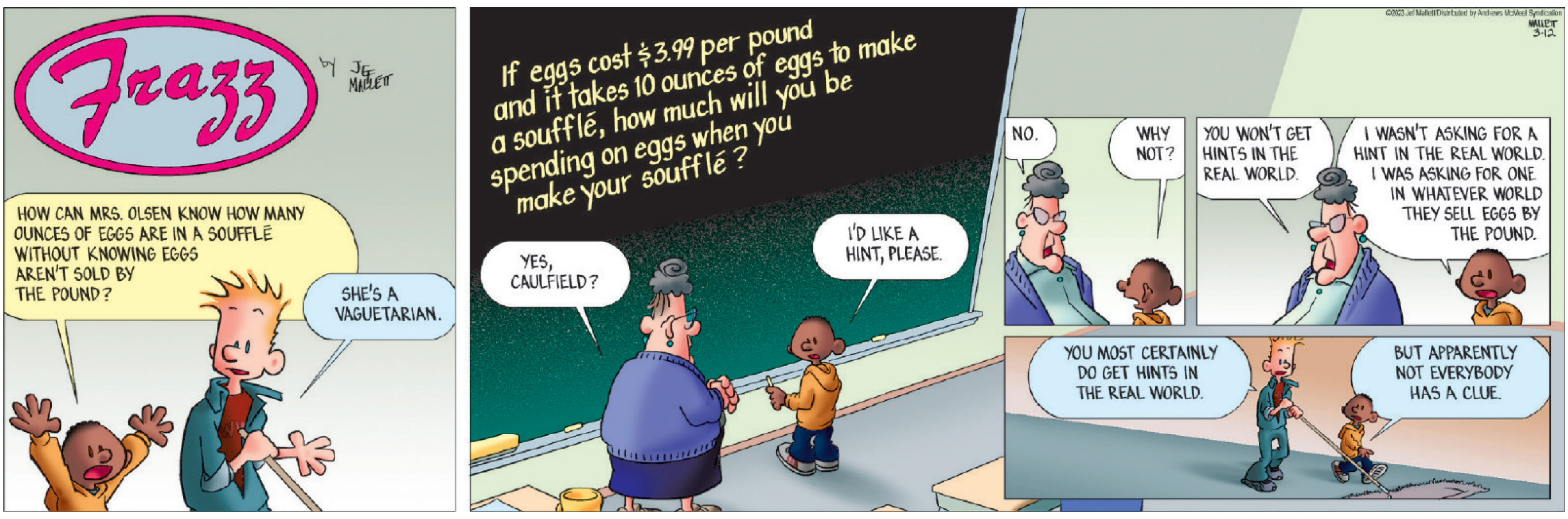
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HOW CAN MRS. OLSEN KNOW HOW MANY OUNCES OF EGGS ARE IN A SOUFFLÉ WITHOUT KNOWING EGGS AREN'T SOLD BY THE POUND?
SHE'S A VAGUETARIAN.
If eggs cost $3.99 per pound and it takes 10 ounces of eggs to make a soufflé, how much will you be spending on eggs when you make your soufflé?
YES, CAULFIELD?
I'D LIKE A HINT, PLEASE.
NO.
WHY NOT?
YOU WON'T GET HINTS IN THE REAL WORLD.
I WASN'T ASKING FOR A HINT IN THE REAL WORLD. I WAS ASKING FOR ONE IN WHATEVER WORLD THEY SELL EGGS BY THE POUND.
YOU MOST CERTAINLY DO GET HINTS IN THE REAL WORLD.
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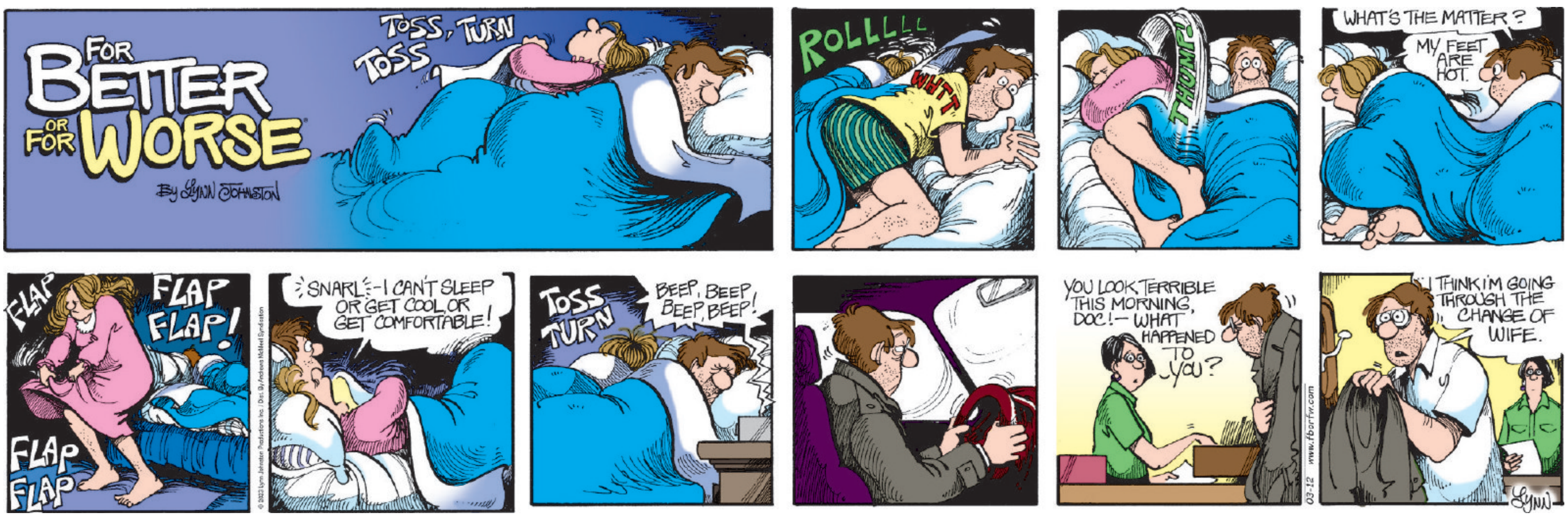
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THUMP!
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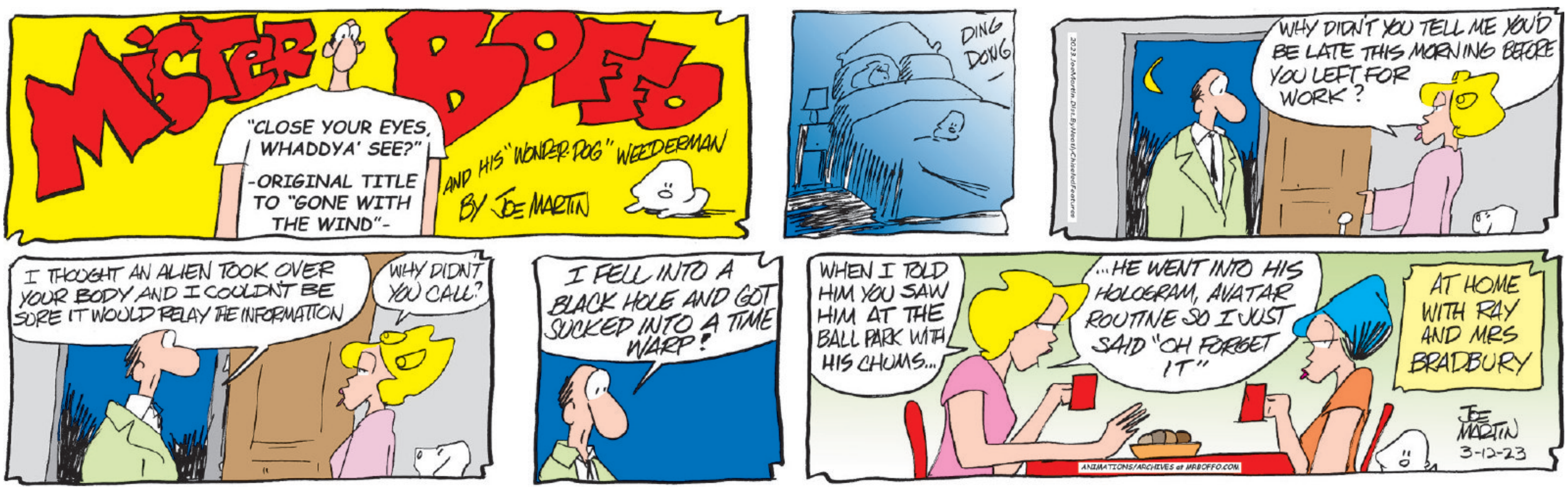
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I THOUGHT AN ALIEN TOOK OVER YOUR BODY AND I COULDN'T BE SURE IT WOULD RELAY THE INFORMATION
WHY DIDN'T YOU CALL?
I FELL INTO A BLACK HOLE AND GOT SUCKED INTO A TIME WARP!
WHEN I TOLD HIM YOU SAW HIM AT THE BALL PARK WITH HIS CHUMS...
...HE WENT INTO HIS HOLOGRAM, AVATAR ROUTINE SO I JUST SAID "OH FORGET IT"
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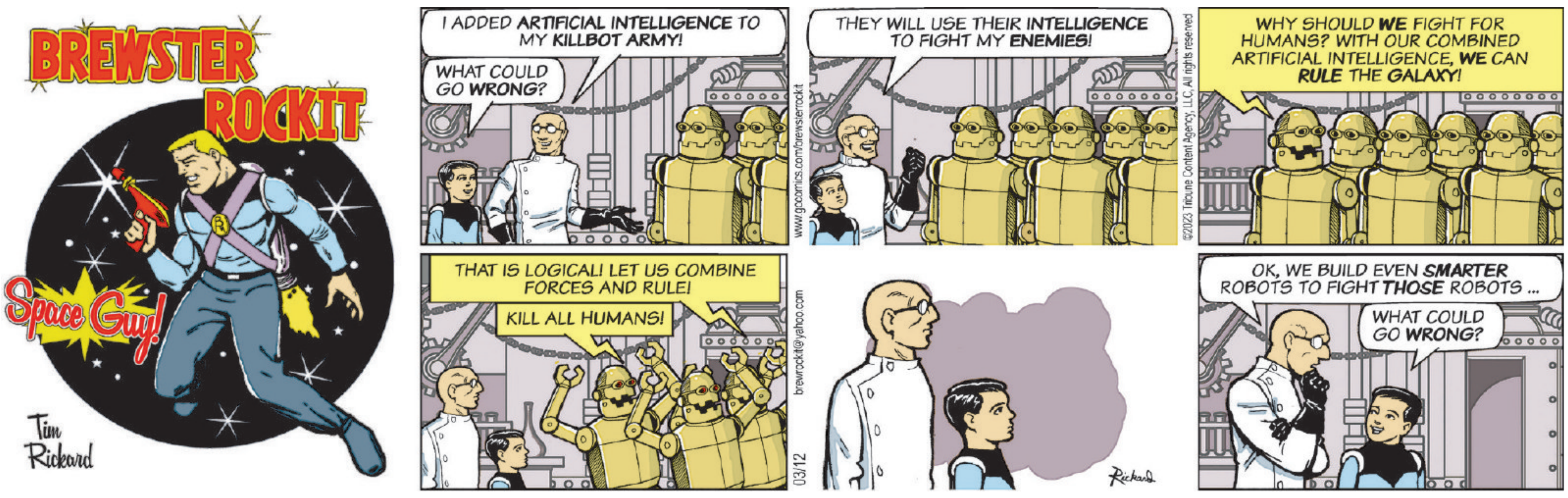
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WHAT COULD GO WRONG?

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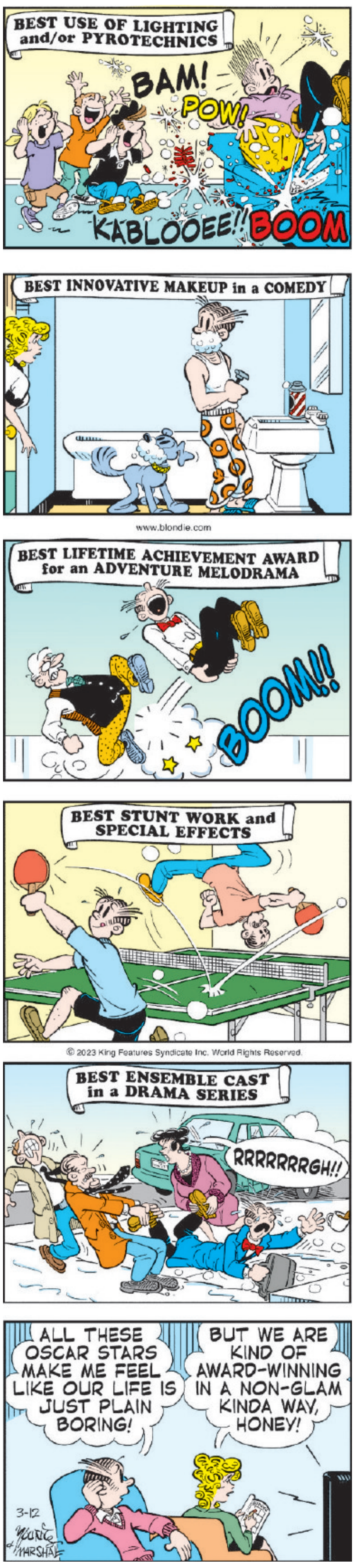
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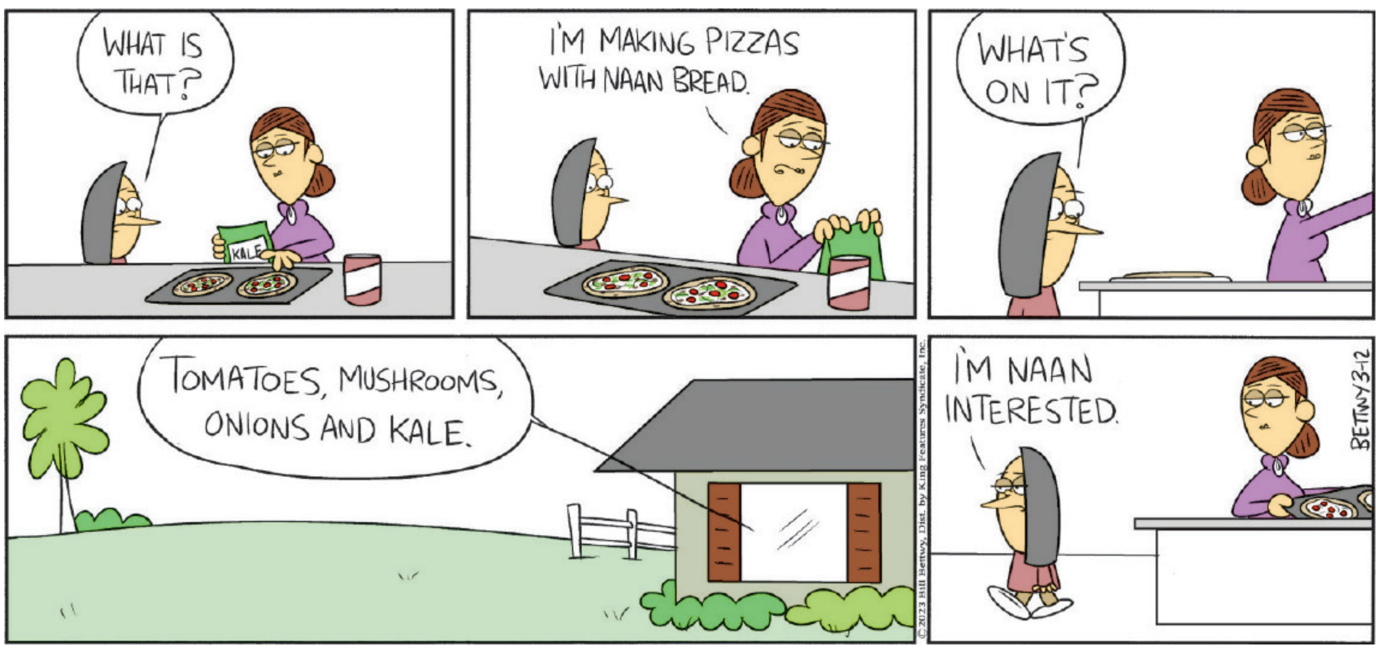
WHAT IS THAT?
KALE
I'M MAKING PIZZAS WITH NAAN BREAD.
WHAT'S ON IT?
TOMATOES, MUSHROOMS, ONIONS AND KALE.
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I'M NAAN INTERESTED.
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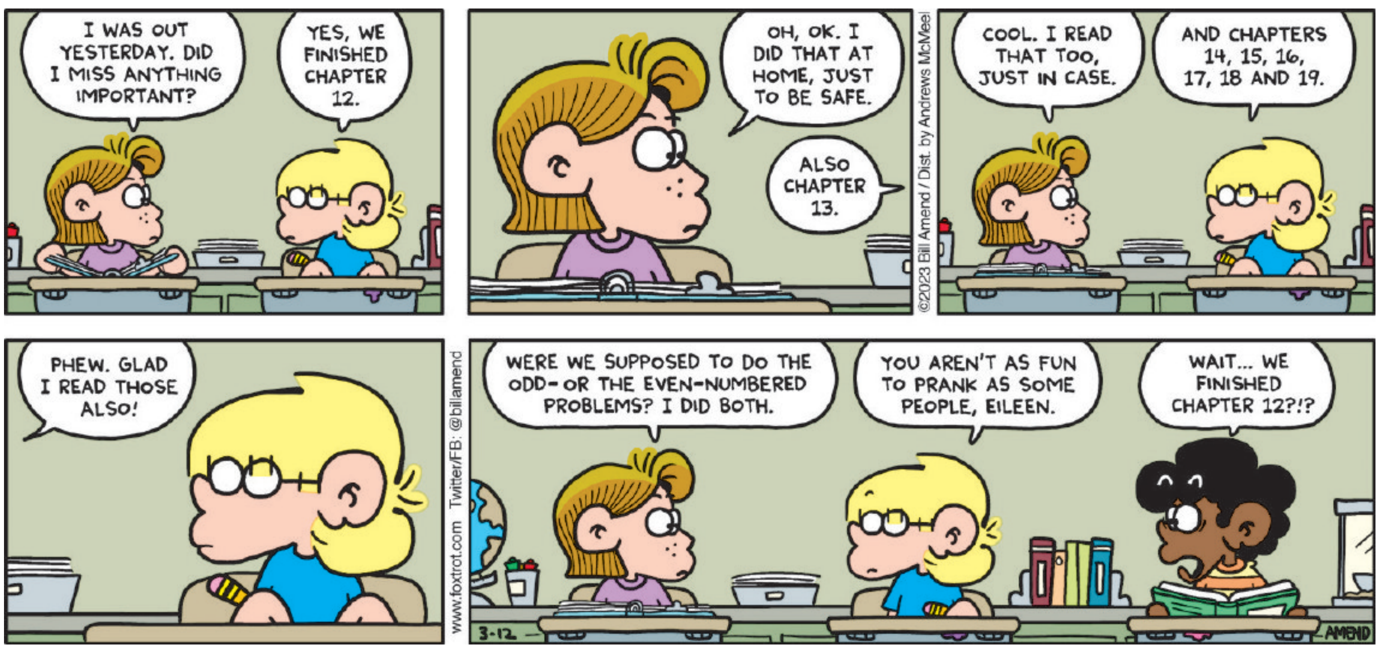
I WAS OUT YESTERDAY. DID I MISS ANYTHING IMPORTANT?
YES, WE FINISHED CHAPTER 12.
OH, OK. I DID THAT AT HOME, JUST TO BE SAFE.
ALSO CHAPTER 13.
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COOL. I READ THAT TOO, JUST IN CASE.
AND CHAPTERS 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 AND 19.
PHEW. GLAD I READ THOSE ALSO!
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WERE WE SUPPOSED TO DO THE ODD- OR THE EVEN-NUMBERED PROBLEMS? I DID BOTH.
YOU AREN'T AS FUN TO PRANK AS SOME PEOPLE, EILEEN.
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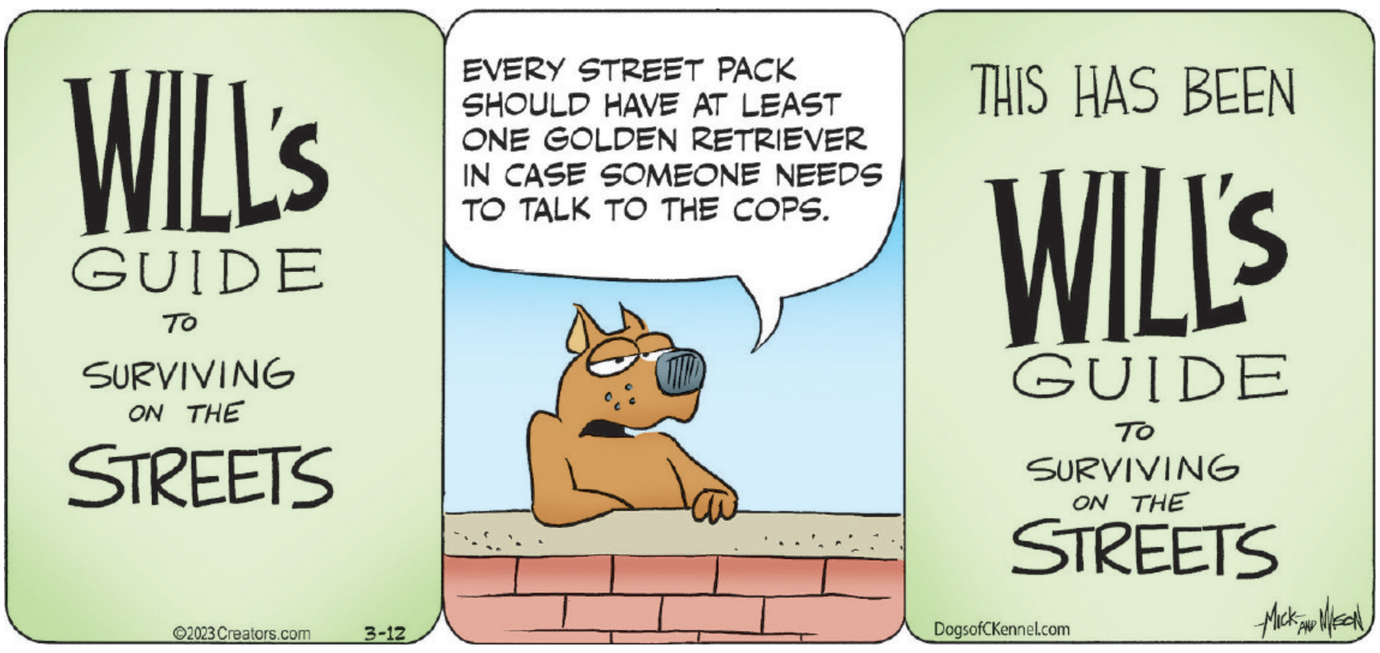
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OF COURSE: But of what course?

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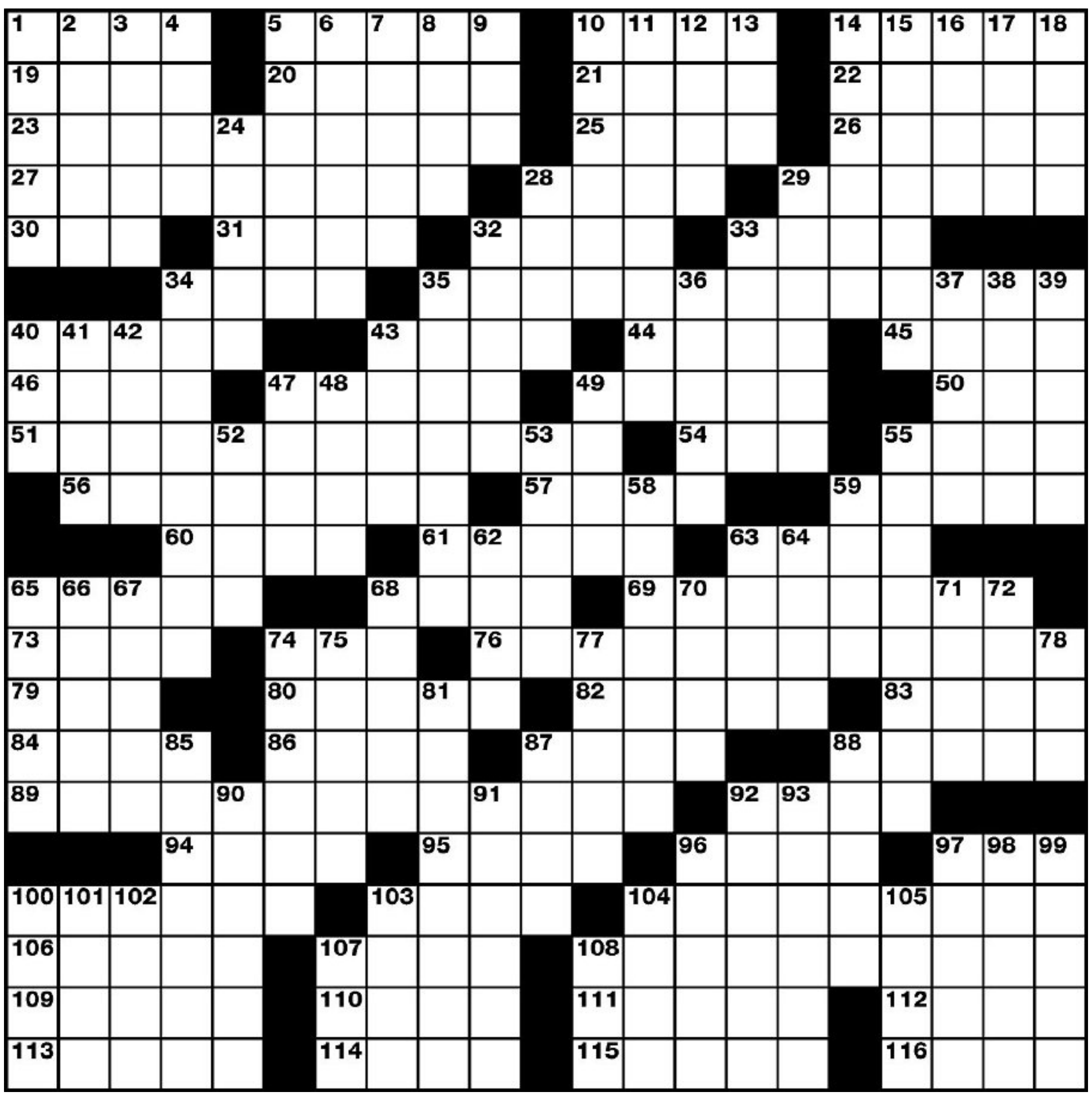

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Across

1 Comet appendage
5 "__ la vista!"
10 Love, in old Rome
14 Some titled Brits
19 Approximately
20 Decide to join
21 Actress Hatcher
22 Fill with joy
23 Color akin to jade
25 Just slightly
26 Wind band member
27 Indirect comparisons
28 Israeli airline
29 Removed rind from
30 Orange side dish
31 Proclaim loudly
32 Unsuccessful show
33 Air chamber
34 Some UPS deliveries
35 Pickup truck option
40 Most Iranians
43 Frozen Four tourney sponsor
44 Partners of ends
45 Literary tributes
46 Partners of pots
47 Derisive cries
49 Compose, as prose
50 Partners of outs
51 *All in the Family* dad
54 NASDAQ listings
55 Slightest trace
56 Partner of cheese
57 Word on pennies
59 Not at all at ease
60 Shrek, for one
61 Genetic replica
63 Santa __, CA
65 Halved
68 Have in mind
69 Cheese choice
73 They shine in showrooms
74 That woman
76 Salsa scooper
79 What Wash. is west of
80 From Cardiff
82 Pester
83 All, for starters
84 Giza's river
86 Natural moisturizer
87 Clean up, as copy
88 Partner of meet
89 Device in a prize-grabbing arcade game
92 Gulf War missile
94 The A of A-Rod
95 What's west of Wisc.
96 Grazing grounds
97 Put the collar on
100 Things to debate
103 Female lobsters
104 Game you'll be dyeing to play
106 Bucks
107 First TV paddle game
108 Piece of pie at an Italian buffet
109 Barn baby
110 Poker starter
111 Derisive look
112 Stratford, Ontario's river
113 They will result in 8 Down
114 Not so much
115 Big seller in bear markets
116 Moccasin decoration

Down

1 Hungarian wine
2 NBA game venue
3 Faith of 40 Across
4 Lounge around
5 Kept others from sharing
6 March followers
7 Heavy metal
8 Makes a connection
9 Novelist Beattie
10 Never cheaper
11 Figure of speech
12 Spoken
13 Unburden (of)
14 Make a case for
15 Lively tempo
16 Handle roughly
17 Ending for kitchen
18 Plum discard
24 Varies widely
28 Fitzgerald of jazz
29 Throbs
32 Lab vessel
33 Was the cause of
34 Consistent moneymakers
35 "Behave yourself!"
36 Official decree
37 __-proof (easy to operate)
38 Lets off steam
39 Position paper
40 Spring site
41 Antonym of "enhance"
42 Ancient Peruvian
43 "Common" word
47 Munich mister
48 Wind band member
49 Small chirper
52 *Othello* antagonist
53 Prefix to attract the budget-conscious
55 On the same page
58 Ultra-tidy type
59 Region of 11 time zones
62 Roofer's strip
63 Work-related move
64 Paris-area airport
65 Carrot cake topper
66 Ultimate depths
67 Musical syllables
68 Shade of pink
70 In pristine condition
71 Literary lament
72 Evening hour
74 Wetlands
75 Spiral shape
77 Hazardous element
78 Place for a theater orchestra
81 Newscast components
85 Military decoration
87 Long, long times
88 Wind bursts
90 What kilts are made with
91 Depends (on)
92 Appropriated
93 Small chirper
96 Goofed off
97 Easily fooled
98 Big maker of beverage cans
99 Composite
100 "Don't worry about me!"
101 Planted
102 Pilot's rite of passage
103 Make more perfect
104 Tar source
105 Spill a secret
107 Homie
108 December setting at USC

Excuses, Excuses!

By Robin Stears
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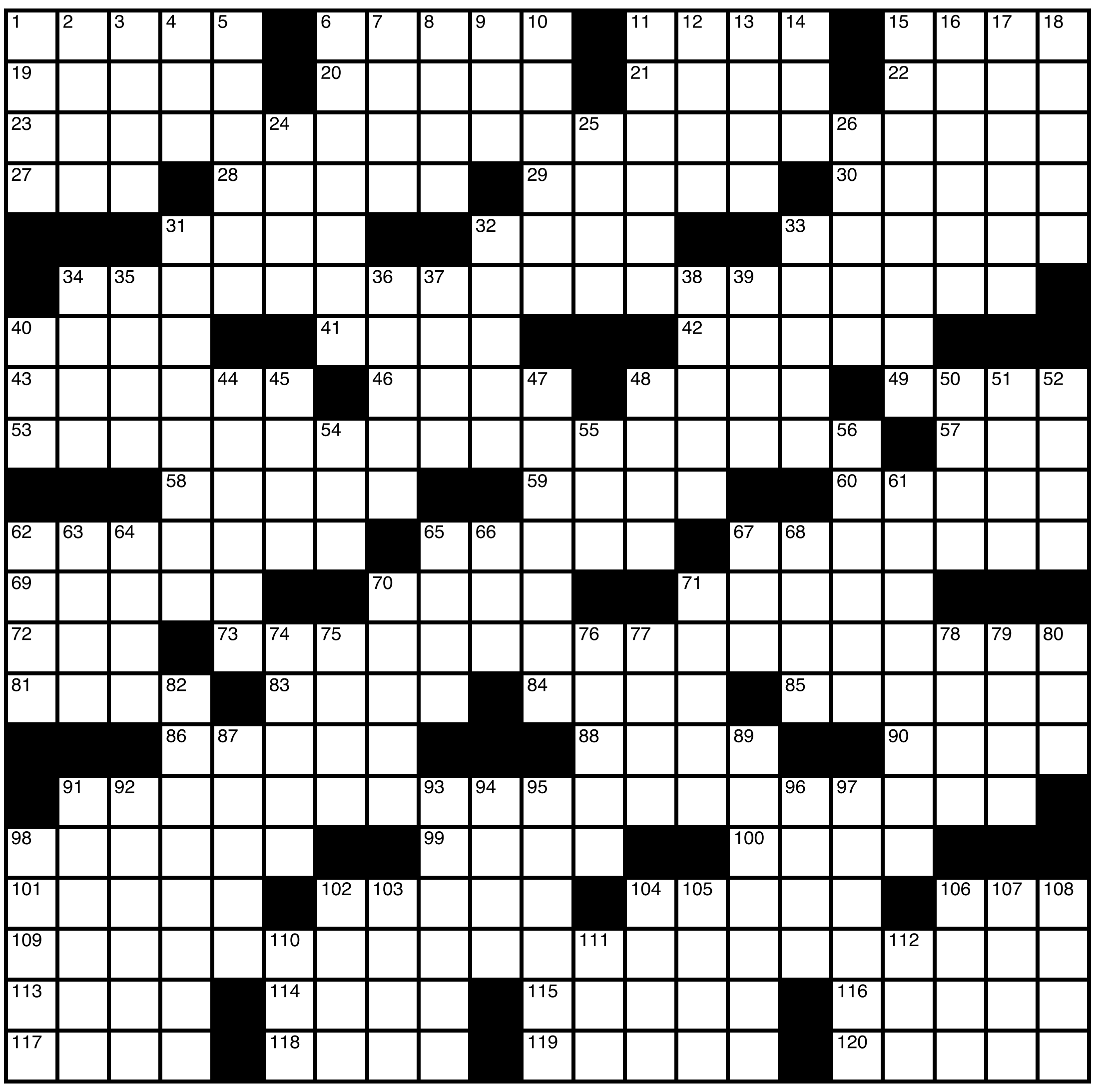

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Across

1 Jorts fabric
6 North Africa's __ Mountains
11 Cranberry sites
15 TV ads for good causes
19 One who may live by the Strait of Hormuz
20 Go
21 Old Testament twin
22 Actress Wilson of "His Dark Materials"
23 "I always wanted to be a ballerina, but I ... "
27 Specimen for a volcanologist
28 Gown
29 Long Beach's location, informally
30 "I __": Election Day sticker
31 North Carolina university
32 Uniform accessory
33 Ambulance wailers
34 "I always wanted to be a baker, but I ... "
40 __ bar
41 German article
42 Northeastern octet
43 Show clearly
46 Small tastes
48 Vega, e.g.
49 Phony
53 "I always wanted to be a Gregorian monk, but I ... "
57 Undefeated boxer Laila
58 Means of access
59 Goatee spot
60 Key of Beethoven's "Eroica"
62 Soy-based frozen dessert brand
65 Think of, as a solution
67 "__ Place": 1990s TV drama
69 Classic Windows catchphrase
70 Bygone Dodge subcompact
71 Messy scuffle
72 Customizable Wii Sports avatar
73 "I always wanted to be a perfumer, but I ... "
81 French infinitive
83 Give more than a darn?
84 Midday
85 On the clock
86 Setting for many Stephen King novels
88 After the whistle
90 Wallpaper hanger's calculation
91 "I always wanted to be a gardener, but I ... "
98 Sugar shack surrounders
99 Actress Mireille
100 MLB stat
101 Massive old computer
102 Amazon crime series based on Michael Connelly novels
104 Fanny pack's spot
106 Needle a bit
109 "I always wanted to be a wedding officiant, but I ... "
113 Not aweather
114 Canine pal of Nermal and Garfield
115 British elevators
116 Pie feature
117 Young 67-Down
118 Batik artist
119 Sherwin-Williams product
120 Toast opener

Down

1 "Say So" singer __ Cat
2 Some Down Under sprinters
3 Graham in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
4 QB misfire
5 __-of-the-road
6 Pasta specification
7 Till stack
8 Muscles near delts
9 Batting stat
10 Vacillate
11 "You __!": "Yep!"
12 Dept. of Labor arm
13 Fine __: Irish political party
14 Dine by candlelight, maybe
15 "The Canterbury Tales" character
16 Beverage brewed with solar energy
17 Go to
18 Gets rid of
24 Appliance in some hotel room closets
25 Reggae pioneer Peter
26 Like a ram or a lamb
31 Balanced
32 Curry of the NBA's "Splash Brothers"
33 Bypass
34 Home with cells
35 Tel __, Israel
36 Main points
37 Taking action
38 Captain of industry
39 Novelist Turgenev
40 Family room
44 Pants part
45 Award quartet for John Legend, for short
47 Grapefruit wedge
48 __ guard
50 Lighting effect
51 "Poor, pitiful me!"
52 Puny parasite
54 "... __ quit!"
55 Sulu player John
56 Choose
61 Routes without tolls
62 Person of the Year designator
63 Skip over
64 So-so
65 Some med. plans
66 Company abbr.
67 Guys
68 "Frozen" sister
70 Advent
71 Ramadan, e.g.
74 Essential fatty __
75 Brooks's country music partner
76 Gets into shape?
77 Castle trench
78 Standard
79 Koala hangout
80 Genre of the Mighty Mighty Bosstones
82 Tries to live up to
87 Smart __
89 Most uncanny
91 Cooking oil option
92 Weighed in
93 "The Addams Family" uncle
94 Foot part
95 Totally worthless
96 Recipe amt.
97 Built for NASA, say
98 Athlete's award
102 Soul mate?
103 Scrape covered with a Paw Patrol bandage, e.g.
104 Library convenience
105 Memo abbr.
106 Cowpoke's poker
107 "Will there be anything __?"
108 Dampens
110 Drift off
111 Fjord kin
112 One of five principal resources in the game Catan

Jumble

Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

AUPIOT
☐○☐☐☐○

CELOAL
☐☐☐○☐○

CNATAV
○☐☐☐☐○

SFNUIO
☐○○☐○☐

DBTGEU
○☐☐☐○☐

CRUIHN
☐○○☐☐☐

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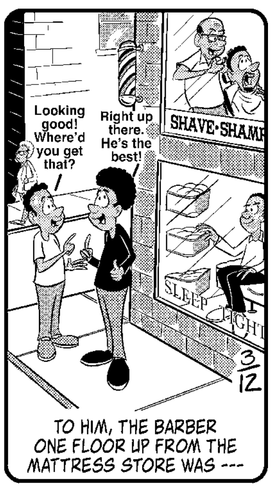
Looking good! Where'd you get that?
Right up there. He's the best!
SHAVE·SHAMP
SLEEP TIGHT
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TO HIM, THE BARBER ONE FLOOR UP FROM THE MATTRESS STORE WAS ---

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

○ ○○○ ○○○○○ THE ○○○○

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Sudoku

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Level: 1 2 **3** 4

				3				
	7	1						
	5	4	7		2			8
		3	2			8		5
	4			8			1	
5		8			9	2		
1			6		5	3	9	
						1	6	
				4				

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Quote-Acrostic

1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues	Words
A. Glum	129 112 65 126 125 77
B. Dislocated: 3 wds.	14 100 98 2 56 146 50 134 123 68
C. Speak angrily: 2 wds.	142 97 25 70 52 35 149
D. Anonymous	60 122 131 94 3 46 79 154
E. Scared: 3 wds.	16 110 73 23 30 40 151 133
F. West Point course	72 139 7 128 157 120 148
G. Terrify	113 99 31 159 11 5 153 38
H. Then: 3 wds.	28 69 13 43 118 84 103 143 135 161
I. Inviting look: hyph.	116 130 150 66 90 158
J. In trouble: 3 wds.	92 49 156 34 95 53 80 42 111 83
K. Carelessly indifferent	67 76 138 91 78 39 22 101 26
L. Protective eyewear	21 82 63 87 119 54 102
M. Relationship: hyph.	155 47 136 117 144
N. Gaunt; wild-eyed	121 88 20 108 71 15 166
O. Great fatigue	105 162 96 8 19 81 36 109 141 74
P. Not wasteful	86 55 147 75 62 164
Q. In trouble: 3 wds.	57 1 29 33 64 17 41 106 44 152
R. Informal discussion: 2 wds.	10 37 163 18 59 89 160 6 115 107
S. In trouble: 3 wds.	4 93 32 104 12 114 165 127 51
T. Yellowish-white	132 124 61 140 27 167 9 58
U. Stocks	48 24 85 45 145 137

1 Q	2 B	3 D	4 S	5 G	6 R	7 F	8 O	9 T	
10 R	11 G	12 S	13 H	14 B	15 N	16 E	17 Q		18 R
19 O	20 N	21 L	22 K	23 E	24 U	25 C		26 K	27 T
28 H	29 Q		30 E	31 G	32 S	33 Q	34 J	35 C	36 O
	37 R	38 G	39 K	40 E	41 Q		42 J	43 H	44 Q
45 U	46 D		47 M	48 U		49 J	50 B		51 S
52 C	53 J	54 L	55 P	56 B	57 Q	58 T		59 R	60 D
61 T	62 P	63 L	64 Q	65 A	66 I	67 K	68 B		69 H
70 C	71 N	72 F		73 E	74 O	75 P	76 K	77 A	
78 K	79 D		80 J		81 O	82 L	83 J	84 H	
85 U	86 P		87 L	88 N	89 R	90 I	91 K	92 J	93 S
94 D		95 J	96 O	97 C	98 B		99 G	100 B	101 K
102 L		103 H	104 S	105 O		106 Q	107 R	108 N	109 O
110 E	111 J		112 A	113 G		114 S	115 R	116 I	117 M
118 H	119 L		120 F	121 N	122 D	123 B	124 T	125 A	
126 A	127 S	128 F		129 A	130 I	131 D	132 T	133 E	134 B
135 H	136 M	137 U		138 K	139 F	140 T	141 O	142 C	143 H
144 M	145 U		146 B	147 P	148 F	149 C		150 I	151 E
152 Q	153 G	154 D		155 M	156 J	157 F	158 I	159 G	160 R
	161 H	162 O	163 R	164 P	165 S	166 N	167 T		

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Wish You Were Here

By Charles Preston

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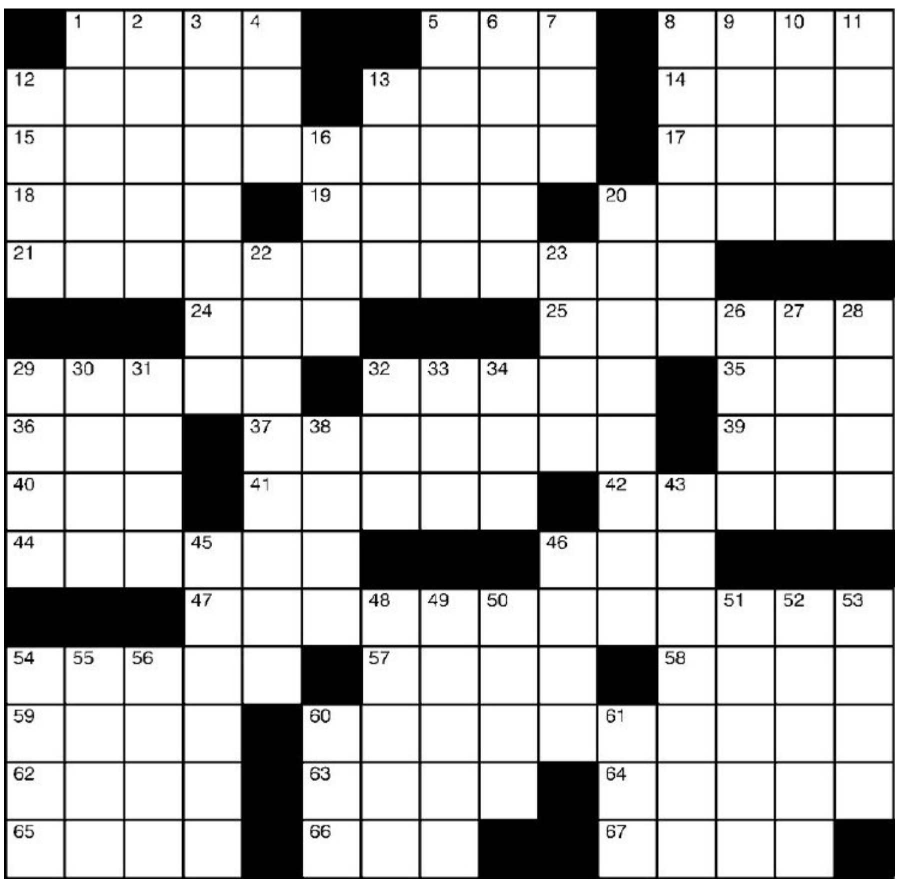
1 Surfeit
5 Puppet-maker Baird
8 A Kennedy
12 Capital of Jordan
13 A Guthrie
14 Kind of eye
15 Virgin Islands postmark
17 Small valley
18 ___ *a Song Go Out of My Heart*
19 Lab burner
20 Berger, of films
21 Jersey shore postmark
24 Regret
25 Required
29 ___ X: Turner film
32 It's ___!
35 Actress Lupino
36 *You ___ There*
37 Portugal postmark
39 Broadcast
40 ___ jiffy
41 Lariat
42 Desirable quantity
44 Of the back
46 Broke fast
47 Cape Cod postmark
54 Holiday word
57 After *eras*
58 A-way to go?
59 Jai ___
60 Florida postmark
62 Revue piece
63 German graybeard
64 Old coins of Scotland
65 Sharpen
66 Journal ending
67 Do as ___ ...

Down

1 Coloring agent
2 Swiss writer: 1821-81
3 Trumpet blast
4 Differ add-on
5 Mustang
6 Sacro extender
7 Smoked salmon
8 Cheap whiskey
9 Hot place
10 Sediment
11 Scat great
12 Europe's neighbor
13 Freshman subject
16 Order of whales
20 Star-shaped
22 Pertaining to counting
23 Crucifix letters
26 Cape of Good Hope discoverer
27 Adams, of song
28 Pub missile
29 ___ of Orleans
30 Cartoonist Peter ___
31 Letter opener
32 ___ glance
33 *I've ___ Rhythm*
34 Lyric writer of above clue
38 Farm structure
43 Sofas
45 Goblin
46 Play beginning
48 Masks
49 Furious
50 Celebrity
51 *Butterfield 8* author
52 Off the wall
53 Certain degrees
54 Classic TV sitcom
55 Nevada town
56 Maugham story
60 West, of Hollywood
61 ASCAP counterpart



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Last week's crosswords

"INCIDENTAL INVENTIONS"

PARS CHEAT DENTS PEDS
URAL HALLE EBOOK ALOE
PENICILLIN POSTITNOTE
ANIMUS SNOCONES UPPED
LANES EROS TIERS
TEAM STEM CRUZ
ATV ORCA SASHA ZEAL
XRAYMACHINE CHAMPAGNE
EASE TENON EASEL GEO
SMEARS RISEN MESA OWN
RIPS TIMID SETH
MAN GAUL RILES SEASON
ABA ONLOW ELATE LORE
SUPERGLUE SAFETYGLASS
STAY LETBE ASIA POT
EDEN SAGA LYNN
HENCE RAIL DRAMA
ALOOF MEALPREP SHADES
SILLYPUTTY BYACCIDENT
OTTO ALAMO ATSEA ALSO
NEER MELON GETON REAR

"Moving In"

ADDS DUA ADOBE SWARM
SERIF INS LEXUS TIMES
OMANI ACHILLESTENDING
FIBER LOTR INC CITRUS
THELOOP HOOCH
TSHIRTCANNING MLK PEA
OPENEST CORNEA EARN
GUIDE CANADIANBAKING
ADDISABABA ETS GENIE
SIA MOPEDS WOOSTER
MOUNTAINLYING
SOBFEST ROYALE BAD
AVAIL FSU TONYCURTIS
WELCOMEWAGGING SOAVE
URSA ANDALE ALSORAN
PTA MIC BITTERLEMMING
RATSO SOMALIA
SHEILA MPG MADE IPADS
CAMPAIGNRIBBING NADIA
ARMED AIOLI LEE ELAND
MEANY PABLO SRS SMEE

"Bird's-Eye View"

MARI CODA RSVP
ADAR URIS SEWER
DOVECREEK PLANO
ABE ILLS GRINDS
MENAGE COUCH
HAWKJUNCTION
SHEER LARGE LIE
LOAM PAPAS ALSO
ALG SEDER RASES
PELICANRIVER
ERATO ERECTS
MERELY DORA ROW
ATONE HERONLAKE
RACED ELAN SNEE
ELKS NINA TENT

Last week's Quote-Acrostic

ILKA CHASE: PAST IMPERFECT: I sometimes worried about my preoccupation with the trivial, but it is the intimate, personal and simple things of life which seem to me to have warmth and color and which really evoke a personality.

Last week's Sudoku

1	5	2	4	9	8	3	7	6
3	8	4	6	7	2	5	9	1
7	6	9	3	1	5	2	8	4
9	7	3	1	5	6	4	2	8
8	2	6	7	4	9	1	5	3
4	1	5	2	8	3	9	6	7
2	3	8	9	6	4	7	1	5
6	4	7	5	2	1	8	3	9
5	9	1	8	3	7	6	4	2

This week's Jumble

UTOPIA VACANT BUDGET
LOCALE FUSION URCHIN

To him, the barber one floor up from the mattress store was —

A CUT ABOVE THE REST

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Horoscopes

Today's birthday (March 12): Cash flow grows this year. Steady, disciplined practices develop personal capacities. Solve an intellectual puzzle this winter, before spring silver fills your barrels. Adapting study or travel plans for changing summer circumstances leads to a lucrative autumn for shared ventures. Build and grow financial strength.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Pull together and coordinate for extra credit. Communication unlocks a financial door. Revise plans and budgets for unforeseen expenses. Calmly maintain a positive balance.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Share encouragement and support with your partner. Clarify misunderstandings as they arise. Find solutions in conversation. Disciplined collaborations generate lasting value. Strategize and win.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Prioritize your own health and well-being. Minimize risk. Don't overextend. Adapt practices with changes. Savor physical activities that feed mind, body and spirit.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Your creativity reveals unusual solutions. Heed wisdom from youth. Finish responsibilities so you can take off early. Focus on love, fun and beauty.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Discover an opportunity to realize a domestic dream. Strengthen foundational elements at home. Reinforce the basics. Choose quality materials for durability and lasting value.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. You're especially brilliant and creative. Solve an intellectual puzzle. Review work carefully before submitting. Words and actions align for lasting results. Reach for a dream.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Don't worry about money. Instead, focus on generating value. Expect delays and misunderstandings. Minimize risk or fuss. Have faith in your own capabilities and imagination.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. You can accomplish more than you think. Personal projects grow and flourish. Combine passion, luck and discipline for wonderful results. Ignore temporary confusion. Nurture yourself.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Slow down, meditate and consider your next move. A puzzle presents multiple options. Listen to intuition. Process emotions and feelings with comforting rituals.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Navigate social situations intuitively. Listen and observe. Keep lines of communication open, despite surprises. Determination and persistence elevate a group project. Lead by example.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Disciplined efforts take a professional project to the next level. A dream appears within reach. Stay flexible with changes. Don't give up. Persistence pays off.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Prepare well before launching your expedition. Adapt for the unexpected. Amazing discoveries await you. This exploration can bring lasting benefit. Pack carefully for what's ahead.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

Bridge

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ Q J ♥ 9 7 5 ♦ Q J 6 4 ♣ A 10 7 6

West	North	East	South
3♥	3♠	Pass	?

What call would you make?

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 7 4 ♥ A Q 4 ♦ A Q 8 7 5 ♣ J 7 6

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
?			

You do not play support doubles. What call would you make?

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K 10 9 7 5 4 ♥ 7 ♦ Q ♣ A 8 7 5 2
As dealer, what call would you make?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ Q 8 7 5 ♥ Q J 10 6 ♦ 5 ♣ A 10 9 2

North	East	South	West
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

Answers in Monday's comics pages.

— Bob Jones
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Word Game

This game challenges you to find as many words as you can, as quickly as you can, in one master word.

RAVAGED (RA-vij'd): Violently destructed.

Can you find 17 or more words in RAVAGED?

Average mark: 14 words
Time limit: 25 minutes

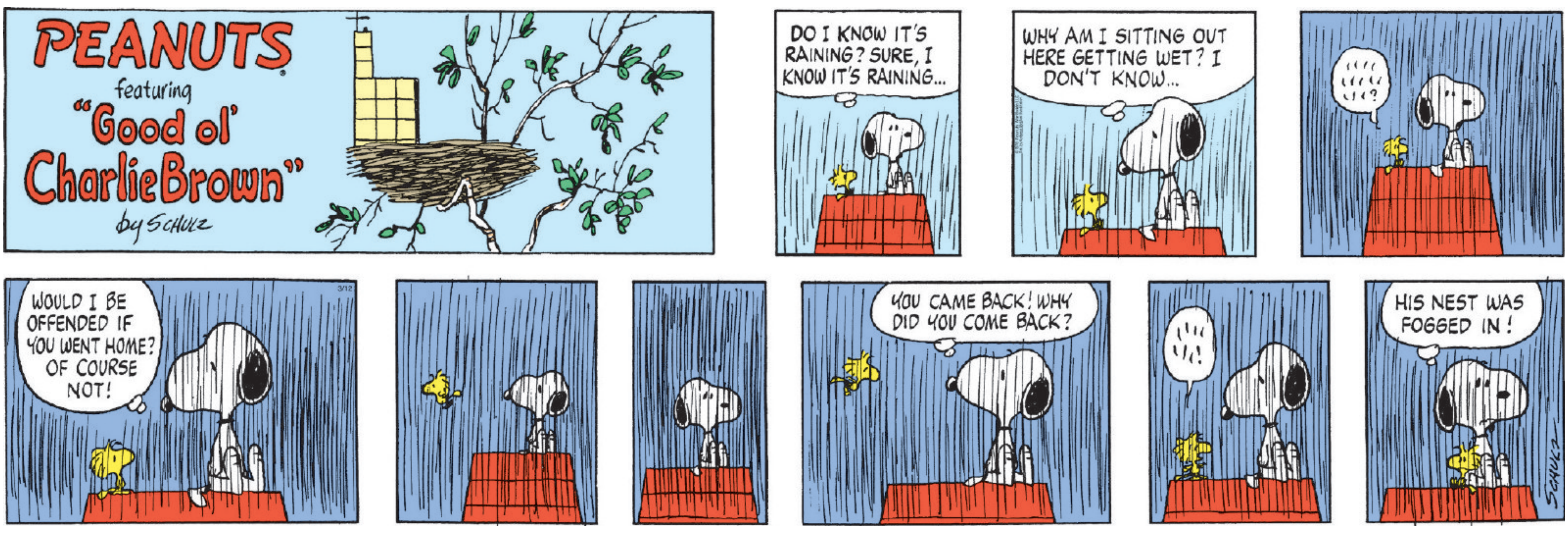
Here are the rules:

1. Words must be four or more letters. 2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of an "s," such as "bats" and "cats," are not used. 3. Use only one form of a verb — either "pose" or "posed," not both. 4. Proper nouns and slang terms are not used.

Answers to the word game:

grave; dare; dear; drag
aver; gave; gear; grad; grade;
adage; agar; aged; area;
rage; ravage; rave; read;

— Kathleen Saxe, distributed by Andrews McMeel Syndication for UFS


PEANUTS
featuring
"Good ol' CharlieBrown"
by SCHULZ
DO I KNOW IT'S RAINING? SURE, I KNOW IT'S RAINING...
WHY AM I SITTING OUT HERE GETTING WET? I DON'T KNOW...
WOULD I BE OFFENDED IF YOU WENT HOME? OF COURSE NOT!
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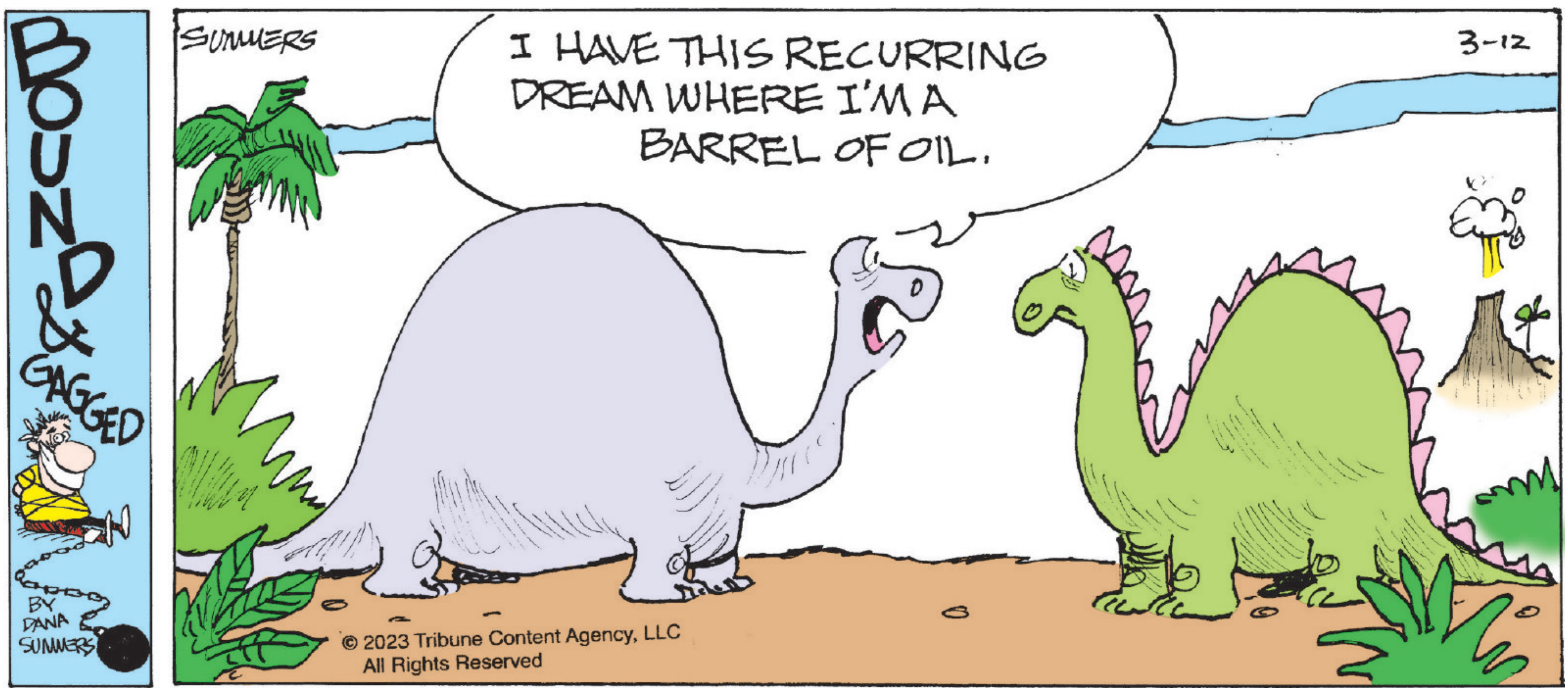
YOU CAME BACK! WHY DID YOU COME BACK?
HIS NEST WAS FOGGED IN!
SCHULZ


BOUND & GAGGED
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I HAVE THIS RECURRING DREAM WHERE I'M A BARREL OF OIL.
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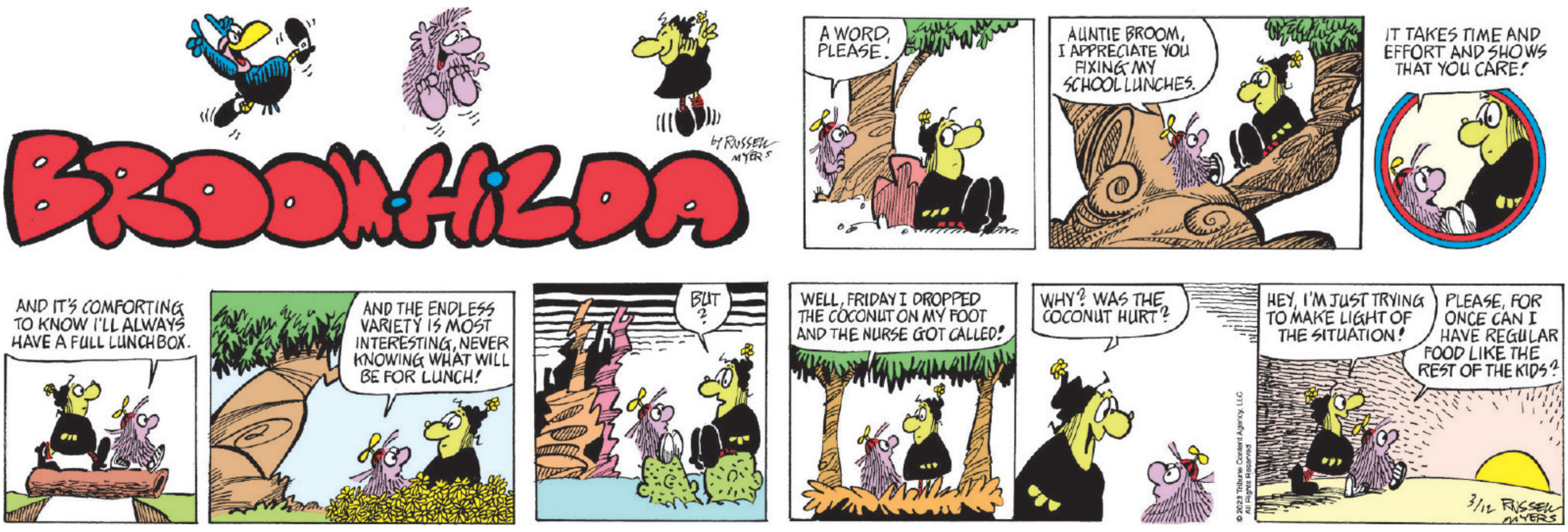
BROOM-HILDA
by RUSSELL MYERS
A WORD, PLEASE.
AUNTIE BROOM, I APPRECIATE YOU FIXING MY SCHOOL LUNCHES.
IT TAKES TIME AND EFFORT AND SHOWS THAT YOU CARE!
AND IT'S COMFORTING TO KNOW I'LL ALWAYS HAVE A FULL LUNCHBOX.
AND THE ENDLESS VARIETY IS MOST INTERESTING, NEVER KNOWING WHAT WILL BE FOR LUNCH!
BUT ?
WELL, FRIDAY I DROPPED THE COCONUT ON MY FOOT AND THE NURSE GOT CALLED!
WHY? WAS THE COCONUT HURT?
HEY, I'M JUST TRYING TO MAKE LIGHT OF THE SITUATION!
PLEASE, FOR ONCE CAN I HAVE REGULAR FOOD LIKE THE REST OF THE KIDS?
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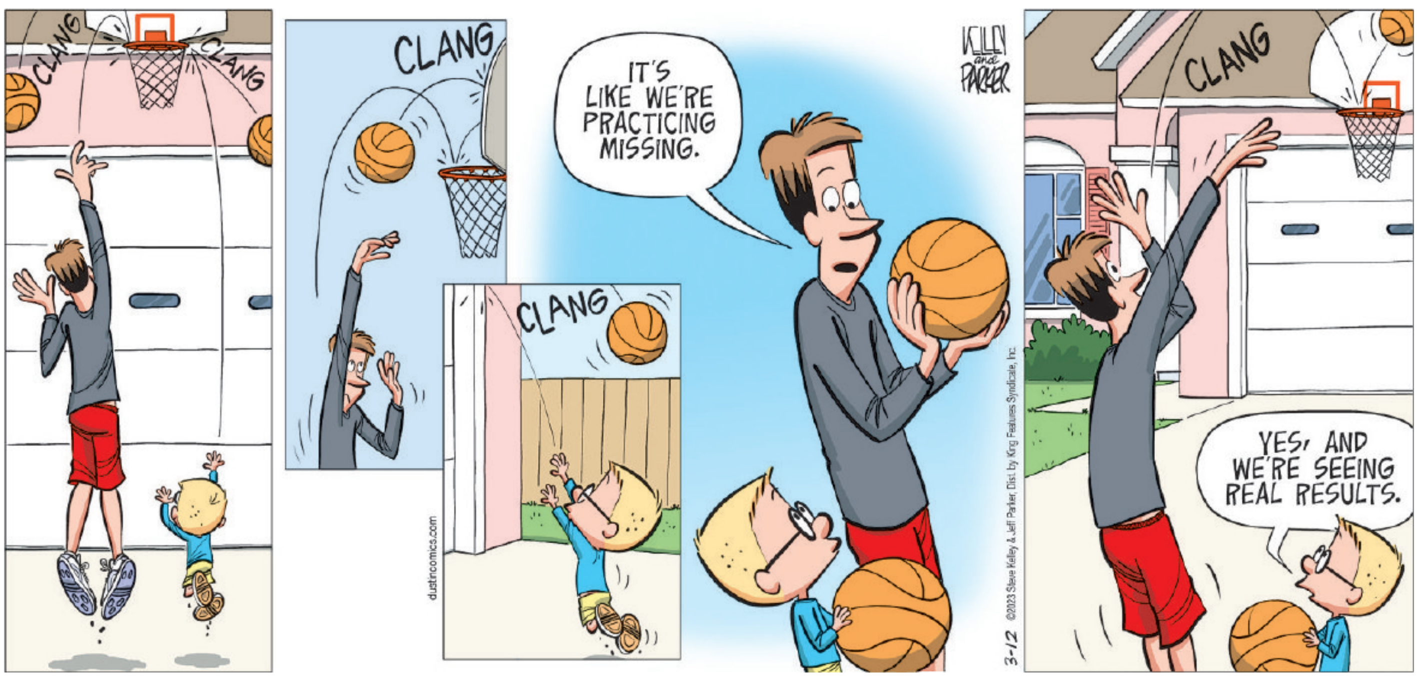
CLANG
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IT'S LIKE WE'RE PRACTICING MISSING.
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YES, AND WE'RE SEEING REAL RESULTS.
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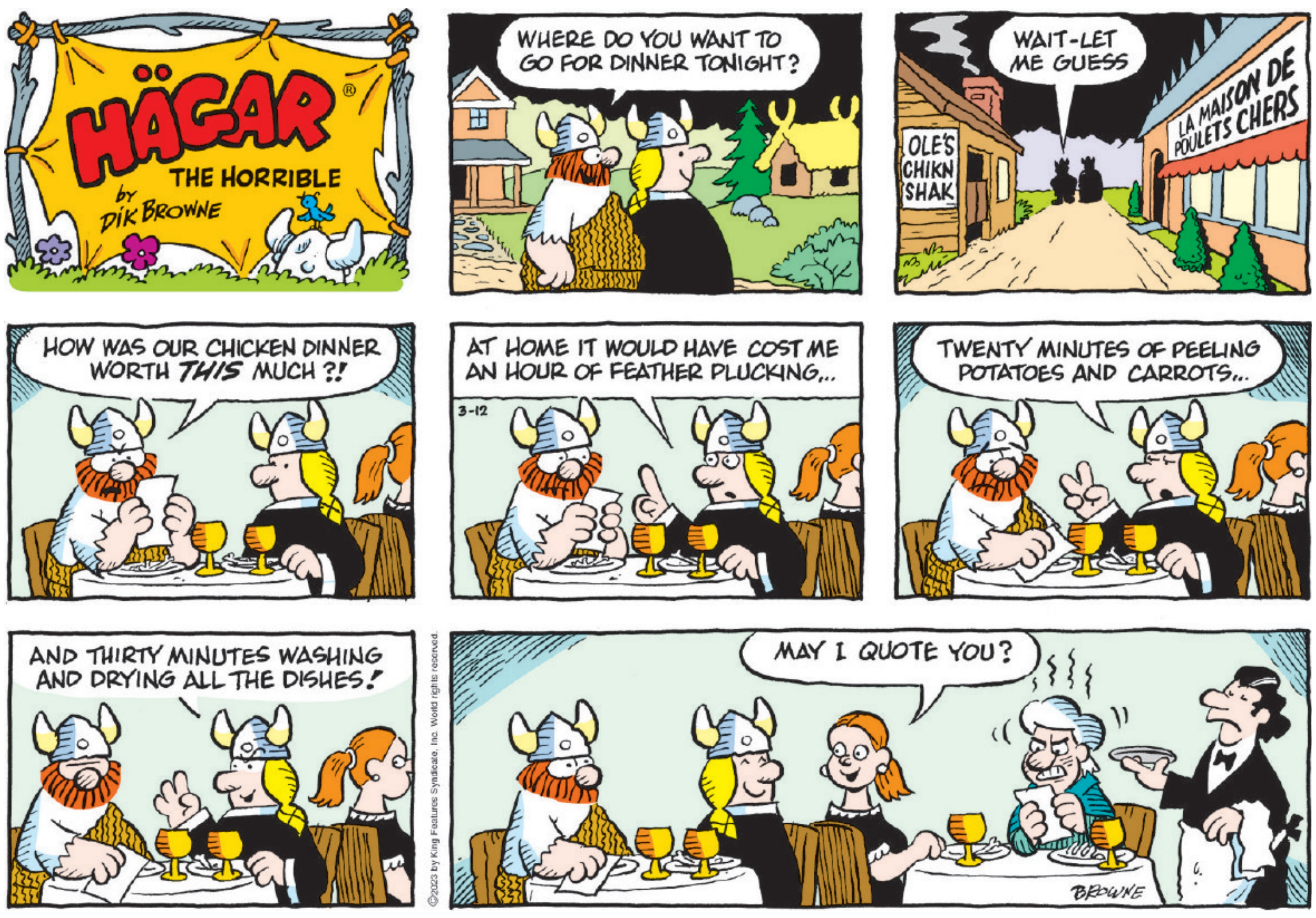
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by DIK BROWNE
WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO FOR DINNER TONIGHT?
WAIT-LET ME GUESS
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LA MAISON DE POULETS CHERS
HOW WAS OUR CHICKEN DINNER WORTH THIS MUCH ?!
AT HOME IT WOULD HAVE COST ME AN HOUR OF FEATHER PLUCKING,..
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TWENTY MINUTES OF PEELING POTATOES AND CARROTS...
AND THIRTY MINUTES WASHING AND DRYING ALL THE DISHES!
MAY I QUOTE YOU?
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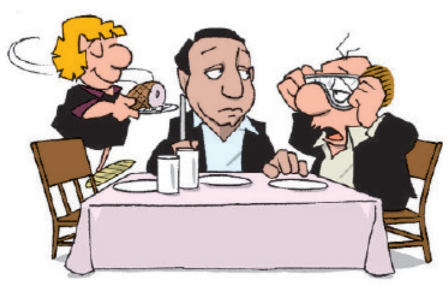
By Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



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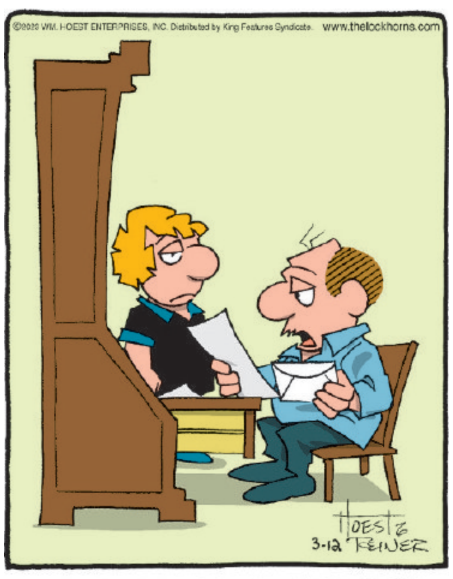
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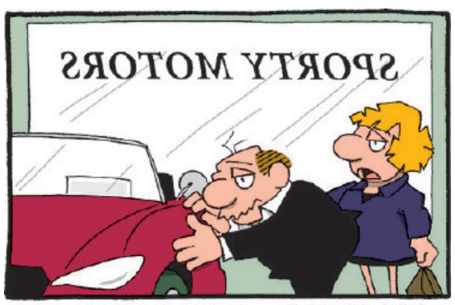
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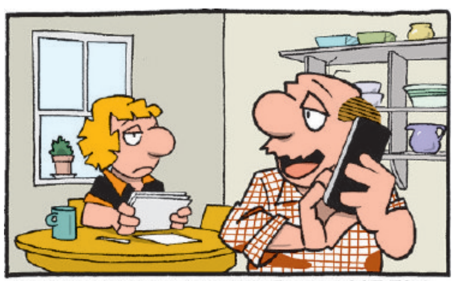

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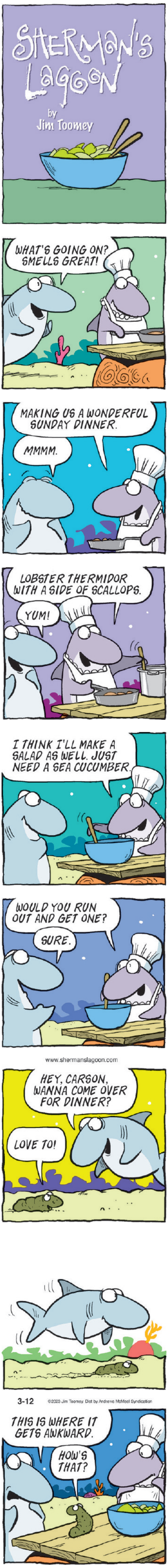
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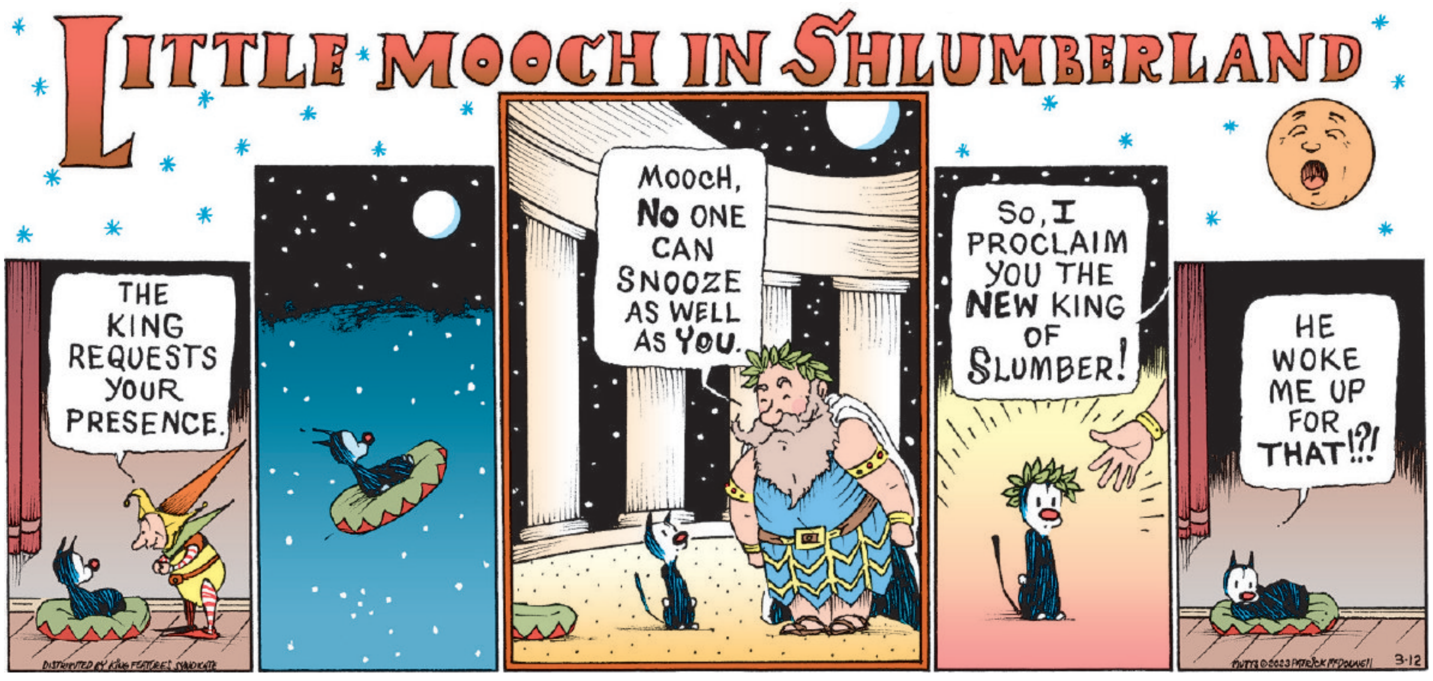
Mutts By Patrick McDonnell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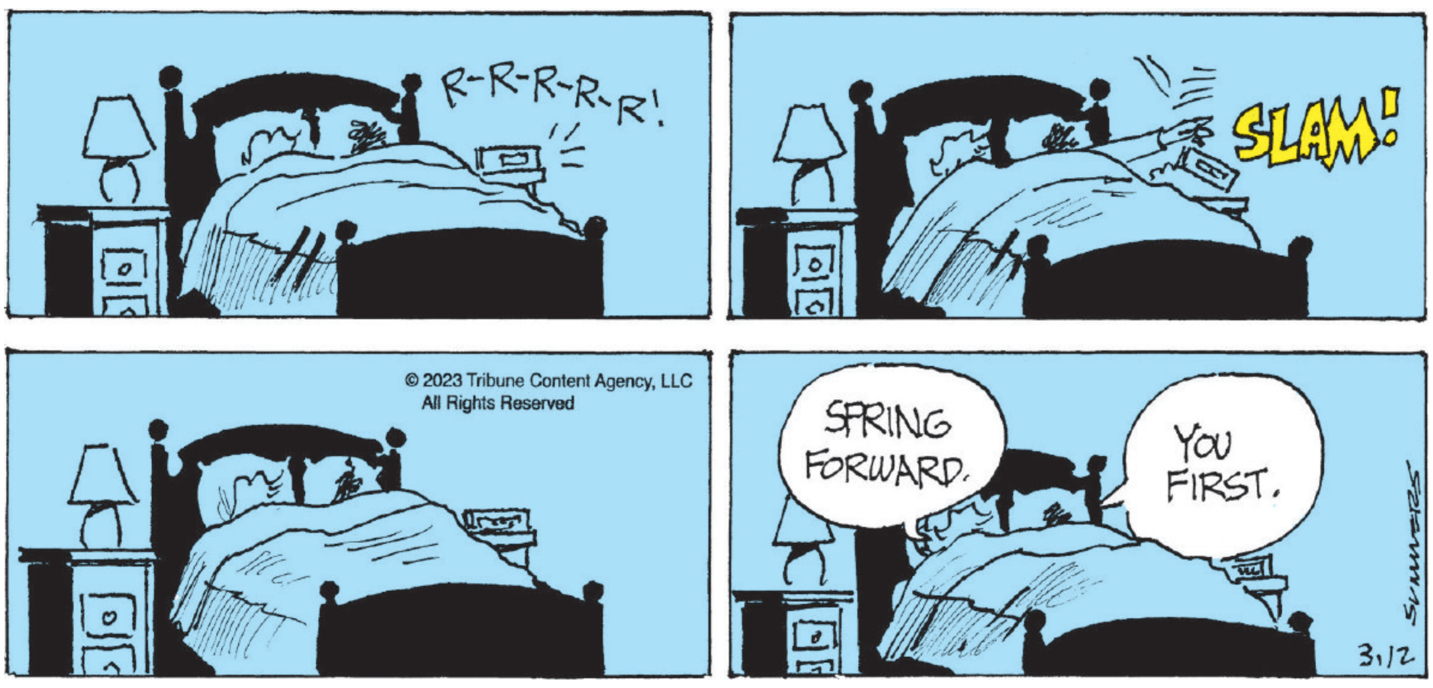
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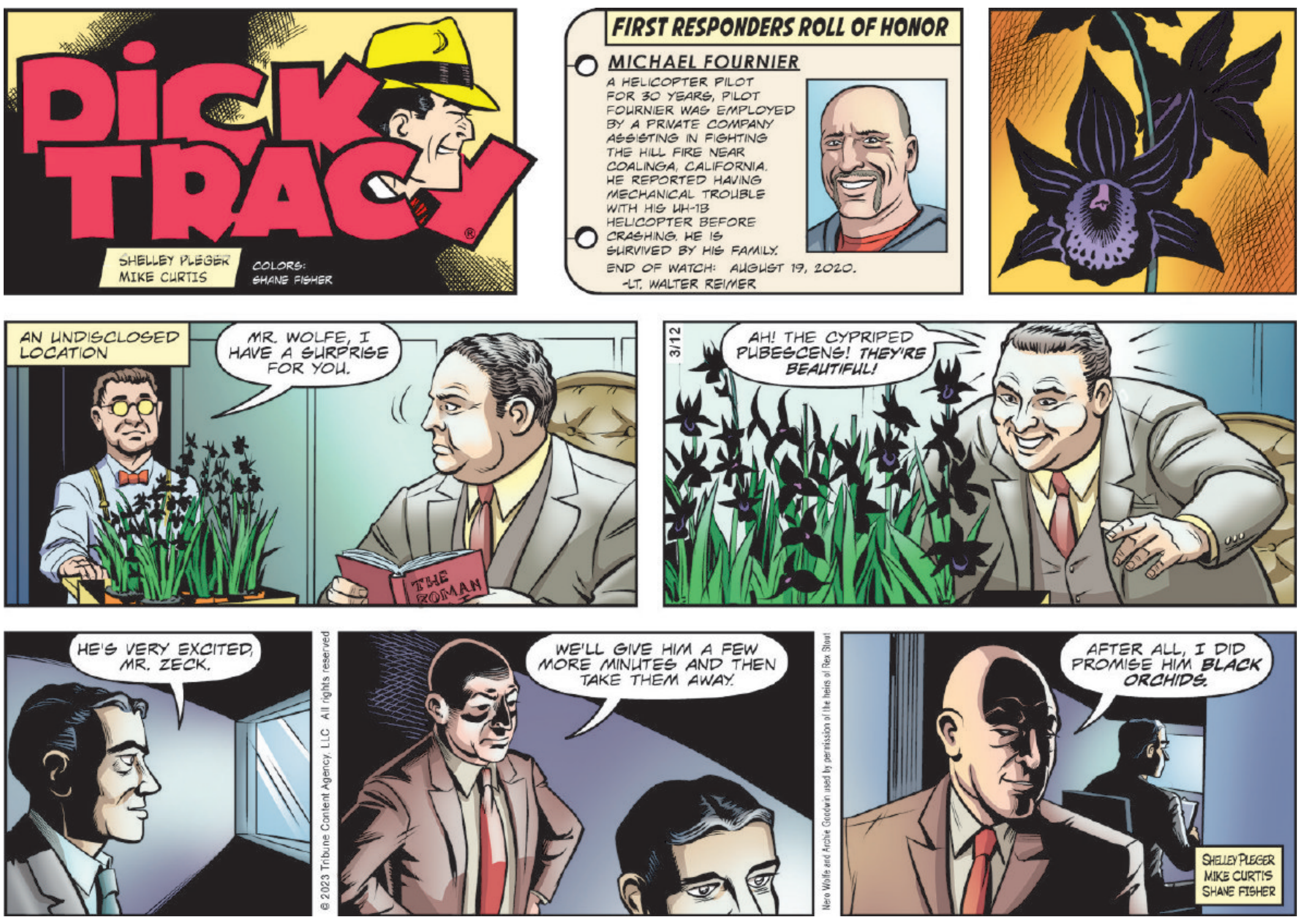
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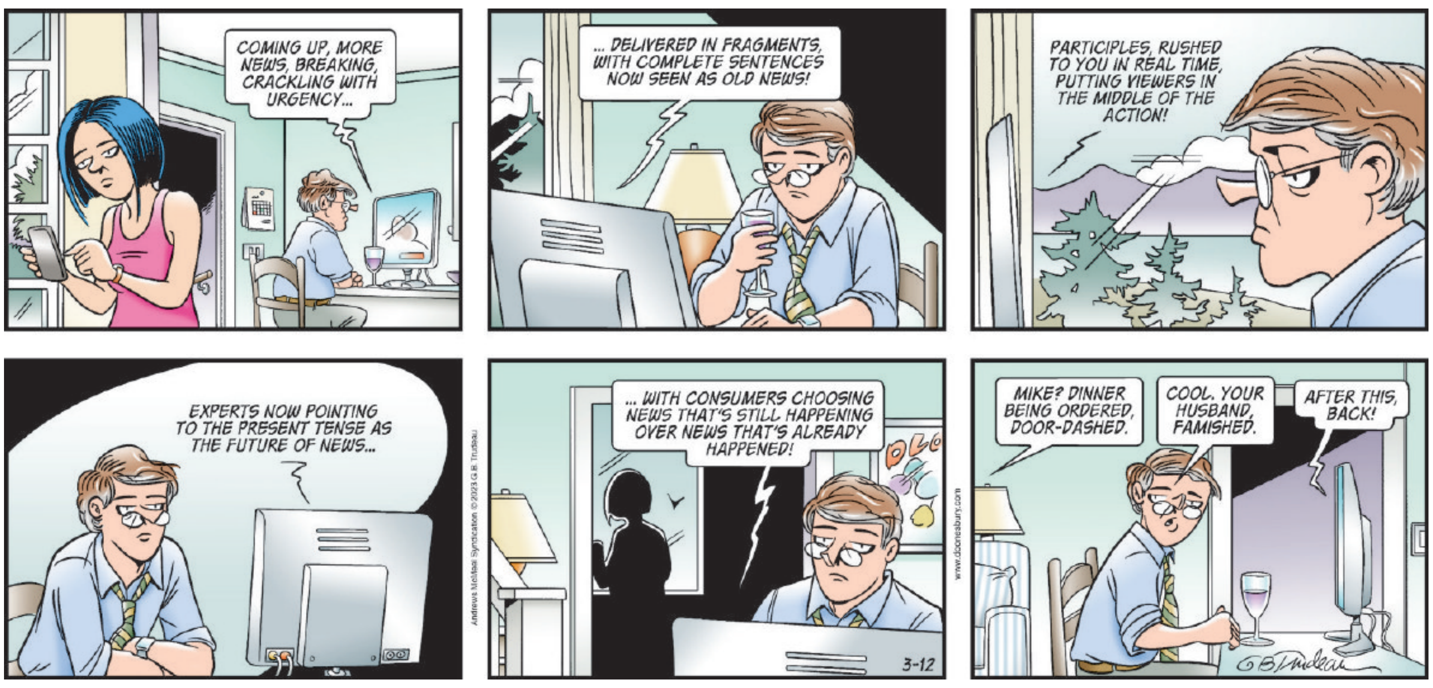
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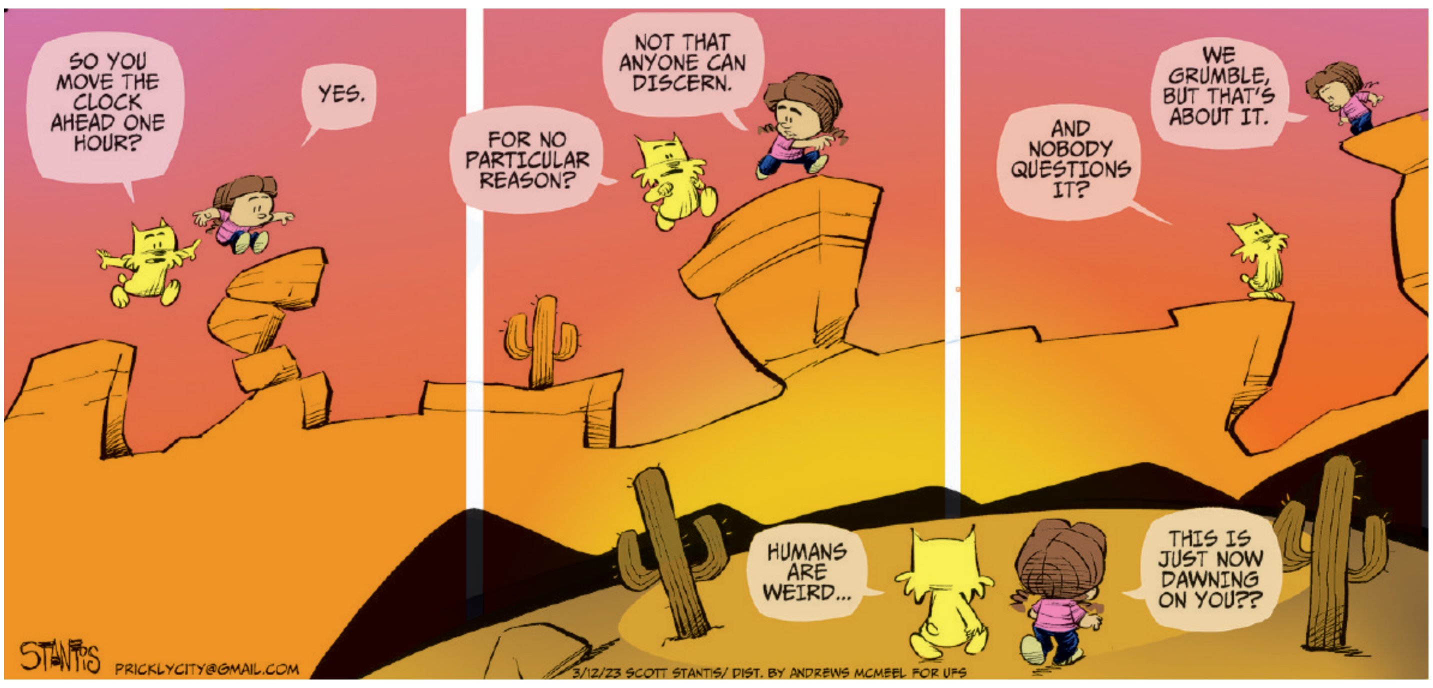
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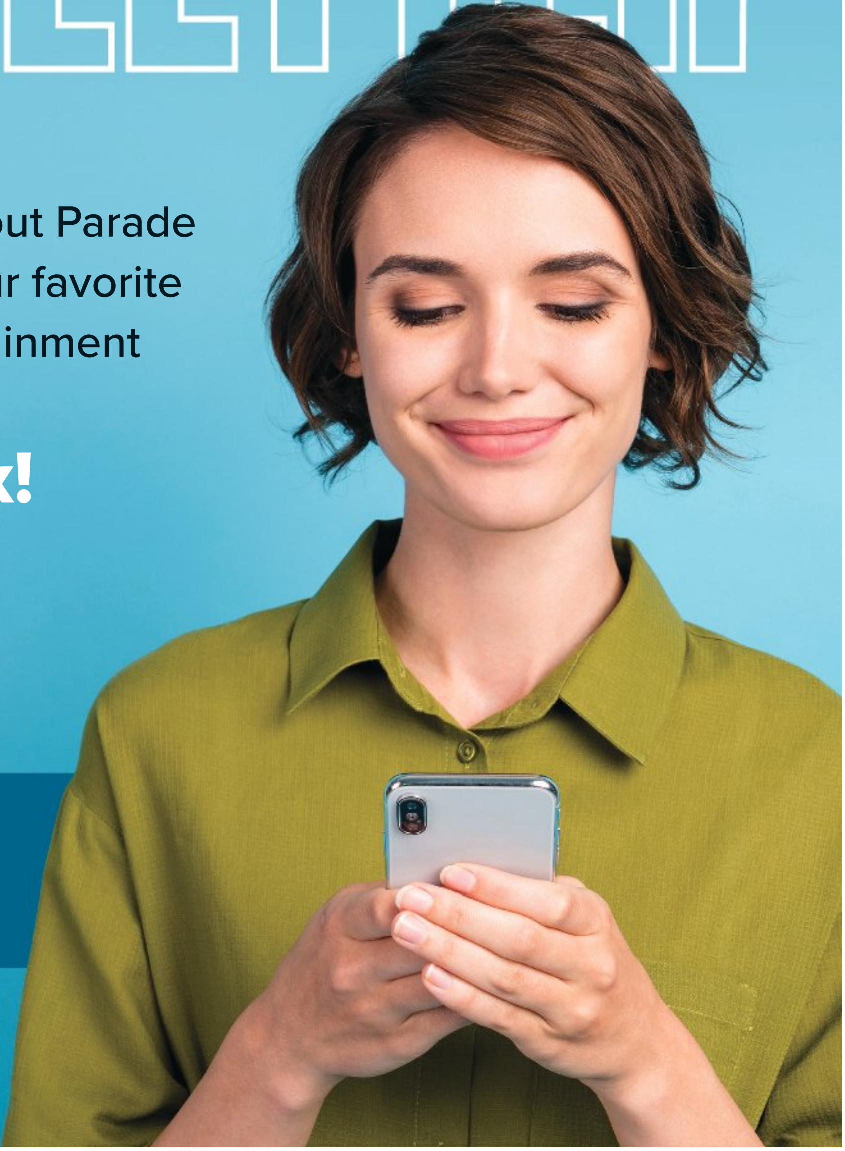


BRAVO MICHELLE YEOH!

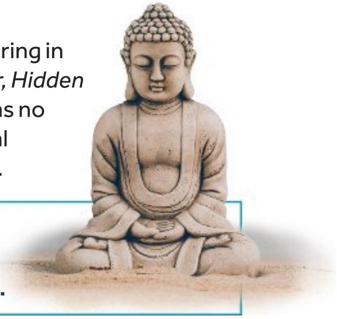
Our fingers are crossed she'll be the first Asian woman to win a Best Actress Oscar.

Win or lose at the 95th Academy Awards ceremony tonight (8 pm ET on ABC), Michelle Yeoh, 60—whose performance in the sci-fi drama *Everything Everywhere All at Once* earned her a nomination—has the honor of being the first Asian woman nominated for an Oscar in the Best Actress category. Yeoh won the Golden Globe for Best Actress earlier this year.

Here are some facts you may not know about the Malaysian-born actress, whose credits include *Tomorrow Never Dies* (1997), *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* (2000), *Memoirs of a Geisha* (2005) and *Crazy Rich Asians* (2018).

It took 59 years for Yeoh to land her first lead role in a Hollywood film, ***Everything Everywhere All at Once***, which resulted in her Oscar nomination.

- ▶ Born in Ipoh, Perak, Yeoh speaks English, Malay and Cantonese.
- ▶ She began studying ballet at age four and eventually enrolled in the prestigious Royal Academy of Dance.
- ▶ Yeoh was crowned Miss Malaysia in 1983, and then traveled to Australia where she also won the Miss Moomba and Queen of the Pacific titles.
- ▶ Her standing as Miss Malaysia earned her a spot in a commercial starring Jackie Chan. She moved on to action films, and the rest is history.
- ▶ Despite appearing in *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, she has no formal martial arts training.



Yeoh practices Buddhism.

One of her biggest acting challenges? Learning how to correctly walk in a kimono for ***Memoirs of a Geisha***. If you do it wrong, she's said, "it's like dragging a dead cat across the floor."

Go to ***Parade.com/oscar101*** for everything you need to know about tonight's Academy Awards.

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WALTER SCOTT'S Personality Parade

WALTER SCOTT ASKS…

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Heiress. Party girl. Influencer. Reality star. These are all adjectives that have been used to label *The Simple Life* star, 42, but with the release of *Paris: The Memoir* (March 14), Hilton is hoping to change the descriptors to entrepreneur, survivor, activist, wife and mother. In her upcoming chronicle, she reveals the defining moments of her life and how she created a multibillion-dollar empire and found fulfillment.

You had already written *Confessions of an Heiress*. So why the new book? That was more of a fun, tongue-in-cheek book. This book is very serious and it's my life story, everything that I've gone through. I felt that my documentary, *This Is Paris*, was the first time that I had really been vulnerable and showed who I truly was. I felt there was so much more to the story. I think it's an important story, especially for young girls to read. I wish I had had this type of book back when I was a teenager.

How did surviving abuse at a psychiatric youth residential treatment center lead to who you are today? That definitely made me strong and able to have a really tough skin to make it through anything. It also gave me the drive to work hard to become successful, so that no one would be able to control me again.

Is your work trying to pass laws for troubled teens to show solidarity to other young people? [My experience] was so traumatizing that I kept it in for over 20 years. That was because these places really instill shame. That's what they do to the children to keep them silent. Me using my voice has resulted in more change and more impact than in the past 60 years of people trying to fight for this, so I'm just going to continue to help let people know what's happening behind closed doors. I've already changed laws, and I introduced my bill a few months back in D.C., so it'll be illegal in all 50 states for children to be abused at these places.

When you said yes to *The Simple Life*, did you have any idea how the image that you projected on the show would stick? *The Simple Life* was the first of its kind, so we had no blueprint to follow. I had no idea it would be such a huge success and that I would play that character for five seasons. I'm not a dumb blonde. I'm just very good at pretending to be one. I love to be underestimated and prove people wrong. Now, with my business and my company, 11:11 Media, when I walk into a boardroom, people see the type of businesswoman I am. I'm proud they are seeing that I was in on the joke the entire time and knew exactly what I was doing.

It's incredible that you were able to forgive your parents. As a teenager, I didn't know what I know now. Now I understand that the parents of these children are just as much the victims as the children. These places lie, they have deceptive marketing, they manipulate the families. My parents thought they were sending me to a normal boarding school. They had no idea.

When you look back, are there any regrets? I am such a strong woman because of everything that I've been through. I feel like everything we go through in life just builds you up to be a stronger and better person.

Congratulations on being a new mom. What surprised you about the experience? Just looking in his eyes and feeling a love that I have never experienced before in my life. He's just such a little angel. I've never felt happier or fuller in my life. My life feels so complete now with him. I'm more about mom life than boss-babe life now.

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The Parade Don't Miss List

Here's what's on our radar for the week ahead. Go to ***Parade.com/entertainment*** for more.

TED LASSO

(MARCH 15 ON APPLE TV+)

It's time to believe again when *Ted Lasso* returns for its third season following its back-to-back Emmy Award wins for seasons one and two. Back on the pitch, the newly promoted AFC Richmond faces ridicule as media predictions widely peg them as last in the Premier League. While Ted (**Jason Sudeikis**) must deal with former employee Nathan "Nate" Shelley (**Nick Mohammed**) who's moved on to coach for the competition, his boss Rebecca (Hannah Waddingham) is now happily leading the players and wants the best for them. "As far as her personal life is concerned, it's delicious chaos as usual," said Waddingham, 48, who won Emmy and Critics Choice Awards for her portrayal. "That's life, right? You never have everything sorted."

Will season 3 be the last? Brett Goldstein, 42, who stars as Roy Kent and also serves as a writer on the show, has said yes: "It was planned as three," he said. Good reason to savor every episode.

BONO & THE EDGE: A SORT OF HOMECOMING, WITH DAVE LETTERMAN

(MARCH 17 ON DISNEY+)

When the U2 bandmates made a return to Dublin at the end of the COVID-19 lockdown, they invited the former late-night talk show host to join them for a conversation about music and friendship. *Bono & The Edge* features never-before-seen footage and interviews detailing their songwriting process and the inspiration behind their greatest hits, several of which they rerecorded and will be released in the upcoming album *Songs of Surrender* (March 17), which is a collection of 40 seminal U2 songs from across the band's catalog, rerecorded and reimagined for 2023 in sessions spanning the last two years.

BOSTON STRANGLER

(MARCH 17 IN THEATERS)

Carrie Coon and **Keira Knightley** play reporters in 1960s Boston who broke through sexism and corruption to report on the Boston Strangler, who murdered 13 women. Knightly (37, a long way from *Pirates of the Caribbean*), plays Loretta McLaughlin, who first connected the dots among the murders, assisted in reporting by Jean Cole, played by Coon (42, who also stars on *The Gilded Age* on HBO).

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(MARCH 10 IN THEATERS)

Here's **Adam Driver**, 39, of *House of Gucci* and *Star Wars* fame as you've never seen him before. In this sci-fi thriller he plays Mills, an astronaut who's crash-landed on a mysterious planet—only to discover that's it is earth 65 millions years ago. Yes, that means there are prehistoric creatures impeding his survival, and escape.

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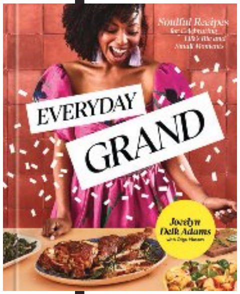
MAKE EVERY MEAL GRAND



Popular blogger (Grandbaby Cakes) and Food Network judge (*Santa's Baking Blizzard* and *Beat Bobby Flay*) Jocelyn Delk Adams believes every day should be a celebration. That's the idea behind this simple sheet-pan supper that channels the flavors of French onion soup and this glorious Bundt cake that looks fancy but is easy to make. Both recipes are from Delk Adams' new cookbook, *Everyday Grand*. BY ALISON ASHTON

French Onion Sheet Pan Chicken

This sheet-pan dinner is inspired by Delk Adams' lifelong love of French onion soup. If you can't find Vidalia onions, substitute another sweet variety, such as Oso, Maui or Walla Walla.

Position a rack in the middle of the oven. Preheat oven to 450°F.

In a small bowl, whisk ⅓ cup **beef stock** and 2 tsp **Worcestershire sauce**. In another small bowl, whisk 1 Tbsp **kosher salt**, 2 tsp freshly ground **black pepper** and 2 tsp **smoked paprika**.

Thoroughly pat 3½ lb **bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs** dry. Lightly brush a large rimmed baking sheet with **extra-virgin olive oil**; sprinkle generously with paprika mixture. Place chicken on baking sheet, skin-side up; brush with 2 Tbsp olive oil. Generously season chicken with remaining paprika mixture. Pour stock mixture around chicken (not on top). Roast chicken 20 minutes.

While chicken is cooking, in a medium skillet, heat 1 Tbsp olive oil and 2 Tbsp unsalted butter over medium until butter has melted. Add 2 **large Vidalia onions**, thinly sliced (about 1½ lb total), and 1 tsp **granulated sugar**. Season with a couple of generous pinches of **salt**, cover, and cook 15 minutes, stirring every 5 minutes and adjusting heat as needed to prevent onions from burning. Uncover and cook 5 minutes or until onions turn a beautiful light caramel color. Stir in leaves from 3 **thyme sprigs**; cook 2 minutes or until fragrant. Remove from heat; set aside.

In a small bowl, combine ⅓ cup **dry sherry, dry vermouth or white wine**; 2 Tbsp finely chopped **flat-leaf parsley** and 4 cloves **garlic**, minced or finely grated. Remove chicken from oven; evenly pour sherry mixture over thighs. Evenly divide caramelized onions over each thigh, followed by 6 oz **Gruyère cheese**, shredded.

Return chicken to oven. Roast 15 minutes or until cheese has fully melted. Let rest for about 5 minutes. Serve garnished with parsley. **Serves 6.**

Want more chicken? Go to ***Parade.com/harissa-chicken*** for a sheet pan meal with pizazz.

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Praline Sweet Potato Pound Cake

Pound cakes are a specialty for Delk Adams, who has been perfecting them since childhood. "At an early point in my Grandbaby Cakes journey, my followers started dubbing me the 'Queen of Pound Cakes,'" she recalls. "I graciously accepted this title and now refer to myself this way in all settings, from random conversations with strangers to professional Zoom meetings.

"The trick to pound-cake success rests in nailing the moistness and texture; bonus points for creative flavors," she says. "And that's where this cake shines!"

You'll need **1-2 medium sweet potatoes** to yield enough mashed sweet potato for this recipe. Prick sweet potatoes with a fork and roast them at 450°F for 50 minutes or until tender. Let stand until cool enough to peel, then halve and scoop out the flesh.

PECAN SWIRL

In a medium bowl, whisk together 2/3 cup packed **light brown sugar**; 1⁄3 cup finely chopped **pecans**; 5 Tbsp **unsalted butter**, melted; 2 Tbsp **all-purpose flour**; 1½ tsp **ground cinnamon** and 1 tsp **vanilla extract** until thoroughly combined. Refrigerate while making cake.

CAKE

Position a rack in middle of oven. Preheat oven to 350°F. Liberally grease a 10-cup Bundt pan with butter and dust with flour.

In a medium bowl, whisk 3 cups **all-purpose flour**, sifted; 1½ tsp **baking powder**; 1 tsp ground cinnamon; 1 tsp **kosher salt**; ½ tsp **baking soda** and ¼ tsp freshly grated **nutmeg** until well combined.

In bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, beat 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature, and 2 cups **granulated sugar** on high speed for 5 minutes or until light and fluffy. Add 5 **large eggs**, at room temperature, one at a time, ensuring that each egg is incorporated before adding the next. Stop and scrape down sides of bowl as needed. Add ¾ cup **sour cream**, at room temperature; ¾ cup **mashed cooked sweet potato** and 1½ Tbsp vanilla extract; beat on medium speed until incorporated (batter will look curdled, but it's all good). Reduce mixer speed to low, carefully add dry ingredients, and mix until just combined (batter will be thick).

Scoop half the batter into prepared pan. Remove praline swirl mixture from refrigerator and crumble with a fork, then sprinkle mixture over batter in pan. Scoop remaining batter into pan, smoothing top with a small offset spatula. Bake 50-60 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into center comes out moist but mostly clean. Transfer to a wire rack and let cool in pan 10 minutes. Invert cake onto rack; cool completely.

PRALINE GLAZE

In a medium saucepan, combine 5 Tbsp unsalted butter, ½ cup packed light brown sugar, ½ cup **heavy cream**, 1 Tbsp **light corn syrup**, ½ tsp vanilla extract and ½ tsp kosher salt. Cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, until mixture comes to a simmer. Stir in 1½ cups chopped pecans until completely coated. Transfer glaze to a liquid measuring cup; cool completely. Pour cooled glaze over cooled cake; let set about 25 minutes before slicing and serving **Serves 10-12**.

Boost Your Bundt

Delk Adams' pound cake recipe works beautifully in a standard Bundt pan. But if you'd like a more dramatic pattern, try these other fancier pans.

The gold, cast aluminum **JUBILEE BUNDT PAN** from Nordic Ware has an interesting diamond design. The nonstick surface makes for easy cleanup; 10-cup capacity. **$42, amazon.com**

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Visit ***Parade.com/martha-bundt*** for Martha Stewart's favorite Bundt cake recipe.

The STORIES *behind the* SONGS

Our special Oscars Edition goes behind the scenes of some of the most enduring Academy Award-winning songs, from *The Wizard of Oz*'s "Over the Rainbow" to *Titanic*'s "My Heart Will Go On." **BY JIM FARBER**

The Oscar winners for Best Picture, Actor or Actress may make headlines, but the award for Best Original Song often makes history. The earliest winner, "Lullaby of Broadway" from 1935, has generated scores of indelible covers in the decades since, by stars from Bing Crosby to Bette Midler.

This year's candidates will likely set records of their own. Should Diane Warren's song "Applause" from the film *Tell It Like a Woman* take the prize, she'll break a curse of 13 straight losses. If Lady Gaga's "Hold My Hand," from *Top Gun: Maverick*, triumphs, she'll grab the title for the second time in four years. And if the viral sensation "Naatu Naatu" from the Indian drama *RRR* wins, it will represent the first time an entry from India has ever done so.

Here are 15 of the most dramatic stories behind Oscars' Best Songs. And go to ***Parade.com/best-songs-of-1973*** for the story behind Paul McCartney's "Live and Let Die."

1940 "Over the Rainbow" from *The Wizard of Oz*

One of the most hopeful songs ever written almost didn't make it into the movie that put it over the top. The producers of *The Wizard of Oz* asked the dream team of Harold Arlen (music) and Yip Harburg (lyrics) to write a song to appear towards the start of film that would express the deep yearning their lead character, Dorothy Gale, felt for a land beyond her family's bleak Kansas farm. When executives at MGM saw an early cut of the film, however, they thought the song slowed down the plot too soon. So, they proposed axing it, much to the horror of the composers who had labored over their piece.

Arlen's first attempt at the music struck Harburg as too slow and he wasn't thrilled with his initial run at the lyrics. In testing stages, he started with "I'll go over the rainbow" or "Someday over the rainbow." Eventually, Harburg convinced Arlen to pick up the pace and settled on the classic verbiage that was delivered beautifully enough by a 16-year-old **Judy Garland** to help the film win its sole Oscar. Though nominated in many other categories, it lost all those to another classic released the same year: *Gone With The Wind*.

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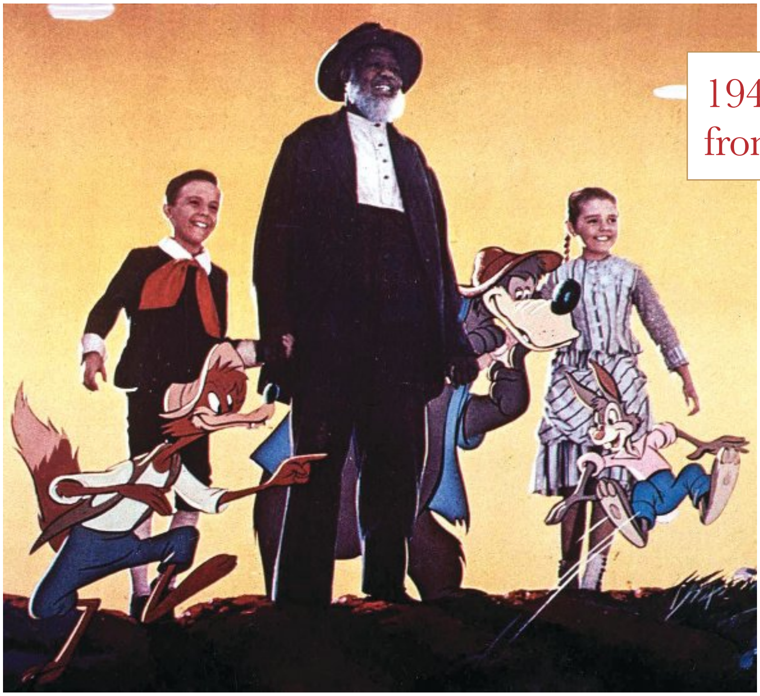
1943 "White Christmas" from *Holiday Inn*

Savvy songwriters know, if you want your piece to last forever, hitch it to a holiday. Probably no song in history has made more of that maxim than Irving Berlin's "White Christmas." As crooned by **Bing Crosby**, it's often credited as not just the top-selling Christmas anthem ever but, likely, the biggest seller in any musical category.

While exact sales weren't tallied until the introduction of SoundScan in 1991, Guinness estimates its sales at over 50 million. The song's initial emotional tug has often been credited to the fact that it was released during the first holiday season American military men spent away from home during World War II. It hit No. 1 that year, going on to enjoy chart comebacks every winter since. Even the announcement of the Oscar win made history: It's the only time that the person who presented the Song award (Berlin) also won it.



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1948 "Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah" from *Song of the South*

The lyrics to this well-known Disney song imagine a life of unbroken blue skies and pure bliss. But the movie it came from, *Song of the South*, had a dark lining. Its script promoted racial stereotypes and whitewashed the realities of slavery. The African-American star who sang the song, **James Baskett**, couldn't even attend the film's premiere in Atlanta due to segregation laws at the time. All that didn't stop the song from becoming the second Disney ditty to win an Oscar, after "When You Wish Upon a Star" from *Pinocchio* (1940).

Neither did it stop Phil Spector from having a Top Ten hit with his version of it in 1962. But, by the '80s, changing attitudes moved Disney to refrain from releasing *Song of the South* on home video and, later, to ban it from their streaming platform, Disney+.

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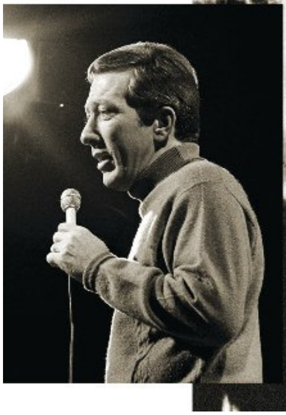
1950 "Baby It's Cold Outside" from *Neptune's Daughter*

Another controversial Oscar winner took six decades to draw that ire. The issue centered on the lyrics, which feature a call and response between a host, dubbed the "Wolf" (usually voiced by a male) and a guest named "Mouse" (commonly sung by a female). "Wolf" keeps asking "Mouse" to spend the night with him, ostensibly due to the cold, but also so they can create their own heat. "Mouse" politely demurs while making it clear that the "Wolf's" come-ons are far from unappealing to her.

Interestingly, the song, by **Frank Loesser**, was chosen for the film *Neptune's Daughter* (starring **Ricardo Montalbán** and **Esther Williams**) after censors felt that his first submission, "(I'd Like to Get You on a) Slow Boat to China," was too racy. For decades, everyone took the song as just a flirty lark. It wasn't until the twenty-tens that listeners on social media began to view the male character's behavior as sexual harassment. In 2018, a number of U.S. and Canadian radio stations banned the song, which wound up causing a backlash. That year, the song shot back into Billboard's Digital Top 10.

1962 "Moon River" from *Breakfast at Tiffany's*

"Moon River" has a melody anybody can sing—for a reason. Composer Henry Mancini designed it to suit the charming, but modest, vocal range of the actress who introduced it to the world: **Audrey Hepburn**. While her version of "Moon River" helped establish the vulnerability of her iconic character, Holly Golightly, it became a hit for two other artists—Jerry Butler and **Andy Williams**. Interestingly, each version earned the same chart position (No. 11), but Williams' take had a longer life, serving as the theme song for his hit TV show (1962-1971). Hepburn suffered another blow to her vocal talents in 1964 when Marni Nixon was brought in to dub her singing parts in *My Fair Lady*.



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1970 “Raindrops Keep Fallin’ on My Head” from *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*

Before the songwriting team of **Burt Bacharach** and **Hal David** nabbed their Oscar for the insouciant “Raindrops” theme (for the film starring **Robert Redford**, **Paul Newman** and **Katherine Ross)**, they suffered three losses—for “What’s New Pussycat?” in 1966, “Alfie” in 1967, and “The Look of Love” in 1968. Bob Dylan and Ray Stevens turned down the chance to sing the song, so they tapped B.J. Thomas at the suggestion of Bacharach’s vocal muse, Dionne Warwick. The day Thomas recorded the song, he had laryngitis, giving him a rasp the songwriters liked. He cut a different version for the single which, aided by an extra horn solo, soared to No. 1.

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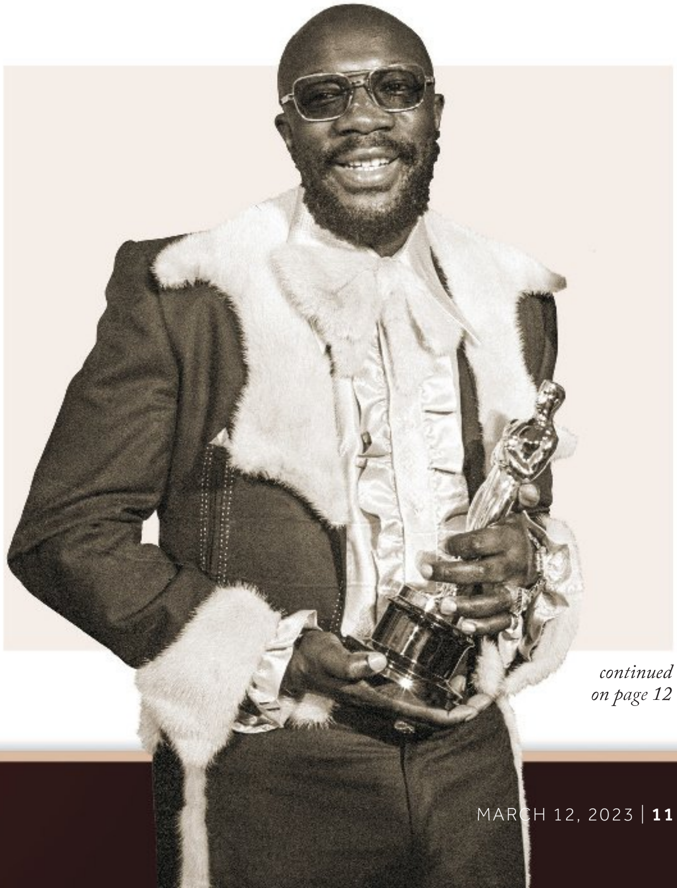
1972 “Theme from Shaft” from *Shaft*

When **Isaac Hayes** got the Best Song prize, he became the first African American to take that award, as well as the first to win in any non-acting category. And he was the first Best Song champ to both write and perform the winning piece. The song’s lyrics—about a “private dick” (slang for detective) who’s “a sex machine to all the chicks”—became just as well-known as its distinct rhythm. Even the backup vocals became iconic, especially when **Telma Hopkins** stops Hayes from completing the sentence “he’s a bad mother…” by singing “Shut your mouth!” Later, Hopkins used that line as her catchphrase in sitcom acting roles in both *Bosom Buddies* and *Family Matters*. Initially, the Academy tried to disqualify Hayes from the competition because he didn’t notate his song. “Quincy Jones got in there and argued my case; saying that even if I didn’t physically write it down, they were my ideas,” Hayes told *Mojo* magazine. Hayes further put the Academy in its place by boldly performing the song on the show in his trademark bare-chested chain-link outfit, creating one of the most striking visual presentations in Oscar history.



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1974 "The Way We Were" from *The Way We Were*

Barbra Streisand scored the first No. 1 single of her career with "The Way We Were," the theme to her movie with **Robert Redford**. Her second, "Evergreen," came three years later with another film she top-lined: *A Star is Born*. For the latter, Streisand wrote the music for Paul Williams' lyrics, making her the first woman to win in a composing category. She also had a hand in shaping "The Way We Were." During the composition stage, she convinced songwriter Marvin Hamlisch to change some notes in his melody from major keys to minor to stoke more emotion. She also changed the song's first word from "daydreams" to "memories," or, as she had to pronounce it to fit the tune, "mem'ries."

1978 "Last Dance" from *Thank God It's Friday*

The creators of "Last Dance" should thank God that far more people remember their rousing anthem than the junky movie that contained it. *The Washington Post* summarized *Thank God It's Friday* as "90 aimless, alienating minutes" that "don't sustain a glimmer of human interest."

That was one of the nicer notices for a film whose creators hoped would be their answer to *Saturday Night Fever*. Remarkably, "Last Dance" became the first disco-identified track to win an Oscar, a distinction you might have thought would've gone to The Bee Gees' classic *Fever* soundtrack. The man who penned "Last Dance," Paul Jabara, also cowrote "Enough is Enough," which featured a thrilling sing-off between Barbra Streisand and **Donna Summer**, the vocalist on "Last Dance." The song suffered another ill-fated placement in 2010 when the fast-food chain Wendy's included it on a CD that came with their kiddie meals. Outraged parents objected to the supposed use of the word "horny" in the song, a lyric that doesn't officially appear and Summer claimed never to have sung. Regardless, the chain pulled the release.

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1989 “Let the River Run” from *Working Girl*

It should come as no surprise that some of the most literary lines ever to grace an Oscar-winning song came from **Carly Simon**, whose father cofounded the Simon & Schuster publishing company. She found inspiration for her uplifting words from the poems of Walt Whitman (many of which celebrate the movie’s setting of New York) and William Blake (whose image of the “new Jerusalem” she borrowed).

Simon’s song for the movie starring **Harrison Ford**, **Sigourney Weaver** and **Melanie Griffith**, became the first entry by a single artist to be honored with an Oscar, a Golden Globe and a Grammy. (Bruce Springsteen’s 1993 song about a man dying of AIDS, “Streets of Philadelphia” for the movie *Philadelphia*, was the second.) The lyrical connection between Simon’s uplifting song and New York City inspired the U.S. postal service to use it in an ad post-9/11. In 2009, Simon performed the piece at the World Trade Center site to honor those lost in the terrorist attack.

1998 “My Heart Will Go On” from *Titanic*

Everything seemed to go against using a pop song in the movie *Titanic*, which starred **Leo DiCaprio** and **Kate Winslet**. When the film’s producers first asked its director (James Cameron) to stick a contemporary song into the movie, he balked, believing it would violate its historical context. He relented to allay the producers’ fears that he was making a commercial bomb.

Likewise, when the producers approached Celine Dion to sing the song, she told *Billboard* she wanted “to choke” her manager/husband (René Angélil) for even suggesting it. At that point, she felt “soundtracked-out,” having recently recorded theme songs for *Beauty and the Beast* and the Robert Redford movie *Up Close and Personal*. The song’s producer (Walter Afanasieff) had just as withering an initial response, dubbing the song’s early demo “dreary.”

All that uncertainty wound up greatly benefiting the company with the soundtrack rights. They paid just $800,000, thinking they were going to get an instrumental score, not a pop smash. The soundtrack album, which was otherwise comprised of instrumentals by James Horner, wound up selling over 15 million copies. One week later, the song reappeared on Celine’s album, *Let’s Talk about Love*, which doubled the soundtrack’s massive sales.

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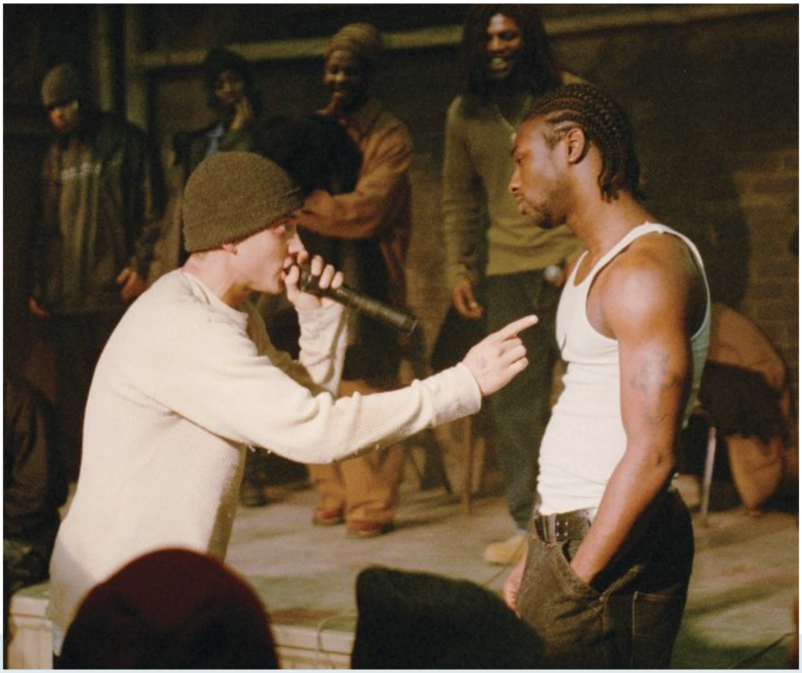
2003 "Lose Yourself" from *8 Mile*

Oscar voters may know quality music when they hear it, but they often have a tin ear for the cutting-edge kind. It came as welcome surprise, then, when **Eminem** took the prize for "Lose Yourself," in the process making him the first rapper to earn that distinction. (Three years later, another hip-hop track won the award: "It's Hard Out Here for a Pimp" by Three 6 Mafia for the movie *Hustle & Flow*.) The combination of Eminem's compelling acting in the film *8 Mile* (with **Anthony Mackie**) and the complex lyricism in the song made his win more than worthy. It helped that he drew on his own life to create the piece. "It would sound so corny if I was just rapping as Jimmy Smith Jr. (his character in the film)," Eminem told the website *Genius*. "That was the trick I had to figure out—how to make the rhyme sound like him, then morph into me so you see the parallels between his struggles and mine." The track also became Eminem's first No. 1 single.



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2008 "Falling Slowly" from *Once*

The song that won the 2008 Oscar was nearly disqualified from the competition entirely. Academy rules stipulate that eligible nominees must have been written specifically for the film in consideration. But "Falling Slowly" had already appeared three times before its placement in the movie ***Once***. In 2006, it was included on a joint album by its composers, **Glen Hansard** and **Marketa Irglova**, as well as on a release by Hansard's main band, The Frames. It also served as the main theme for another movie, *Beauty in Trouble*.

Luckily for the songwriters, Oscar's overlords ruled that because the song was originally conceived to fit the plot of *Once*, and because relatively few people heard the earlier releases, it could be considered. The song further stood out from most Oscar nominees by its spare arrangement and intimate performances, giving it an underdog quality voters couldn't resist.

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2013 “Skyfall” from *Skyfall*

Oscar voters flirted with Bond themes for decades before finally rewarding **Adele**’s entry in 2013. Four such pieces had been nominated before—the slinky Burt Bacharach-Hal David number “The Look of Love” for *Casino Royale* in 1968, the bombastic Paul McCartney blow-out “Live and Let Die” in ‘74, Carly Simon’s sexy “Nobody Does it Better” for *The Spy Who Loved Me* in ’78 and Sheena Easton’s anthem in *For Your Eyes Only* in 1982.

While Adele’s darkly sweeping melody for *Skyfall* (**Daniel Craig**, **Javiar Bardem**) broke the losing streak, she was initially self-conscious about taking the assignment. The film’s director Sam Mendes told *Indie Wire* that Adele told him, “my songs are personal, I write from the heart.” He brought her around by telling her to use Simon’s intimate love song, “Nobody Does It Better,” as her role model. The win paved the way for another Bond songwriter to clinch the award: In 2022, **Billie Eilish** took the prize for her “No Time to Die” theme.

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2018 “Shallow” from *A Star Is Born*

Hollywood can’t remake *A Star is Born* often enough, it seems. Four versions have appeared so far—a 1937 narrative take starring Janet Gaynor and Fredric March, followed by three musicals: a 1954 version starring Judy Garland and James Mason, a 1976 redo with Barbra Streisand and Kris Kristofferson and, in 2018, the entry with **Lady Gaga** and **Bradley Cooper**. Interestingly, both Streisand’s and Gaga’s versions earned Best Song nods. Both were also cowritten by their singers and became No. 1 hits.

Still, Gaga’s piece holds the record for the longest run on the charts for any Best Song champ. That’s even more remarkable considering that the track paired her with Bradley Cooper, who’s hardly known as a singer. Originally, “Shallow” wasn’t conceived as a duet for the stars. Only later did Gaga and cowriter Mark Ronson realize how well that format could enhance the script. Its lyrical interplay underscored an urgent topic, one which Gaga stressed in her Oscar acceptance speech. “I’m so proud to be a part of a movie that addresses mental health issues,” she said, before pointedly saying to her peers, “a lot of artists deal with that. We have to take care of each other.”

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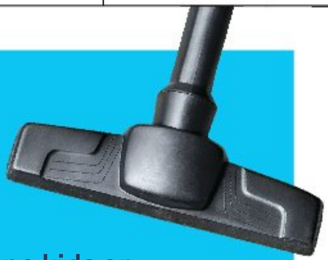

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—Robert Carrell, Allison Park, Pennsylvania

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—Warren Buckland, Morganville, N.J.

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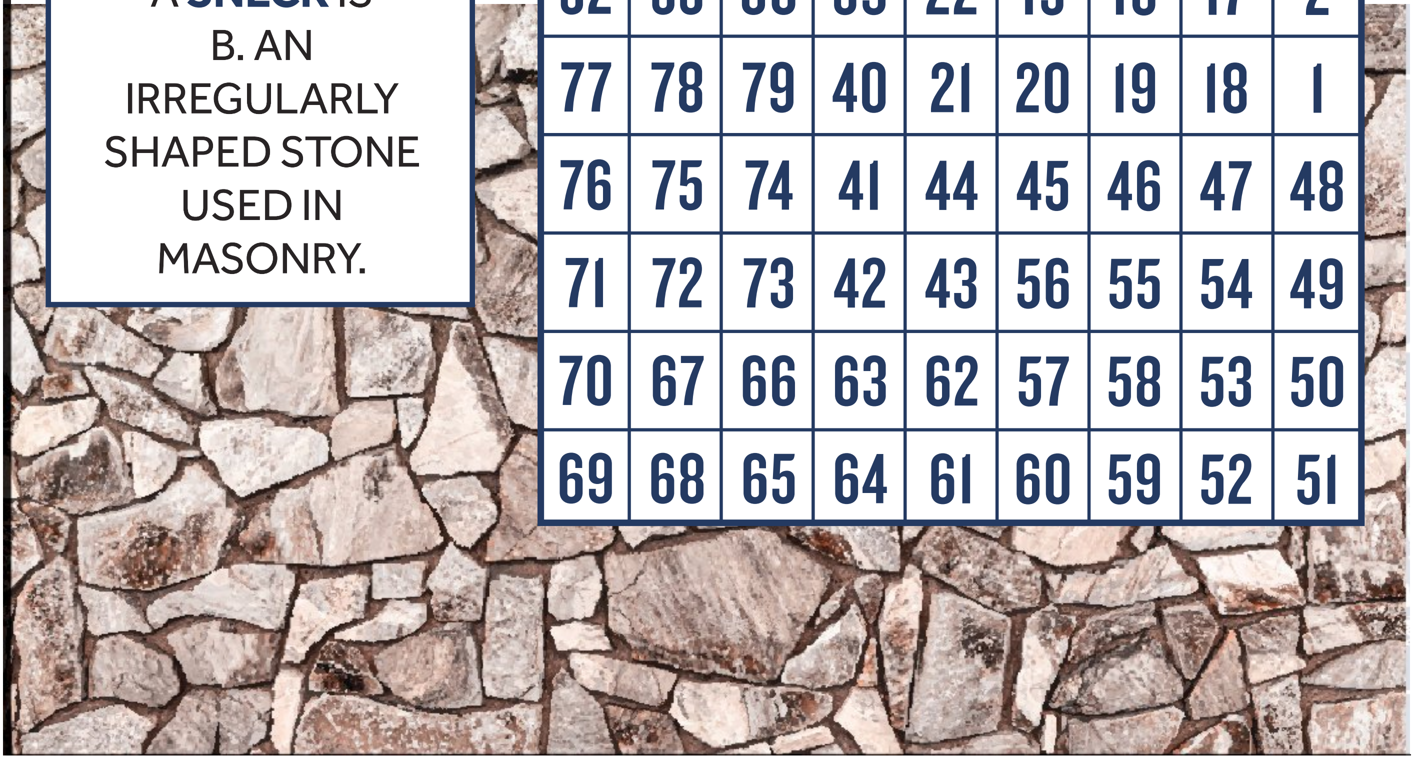

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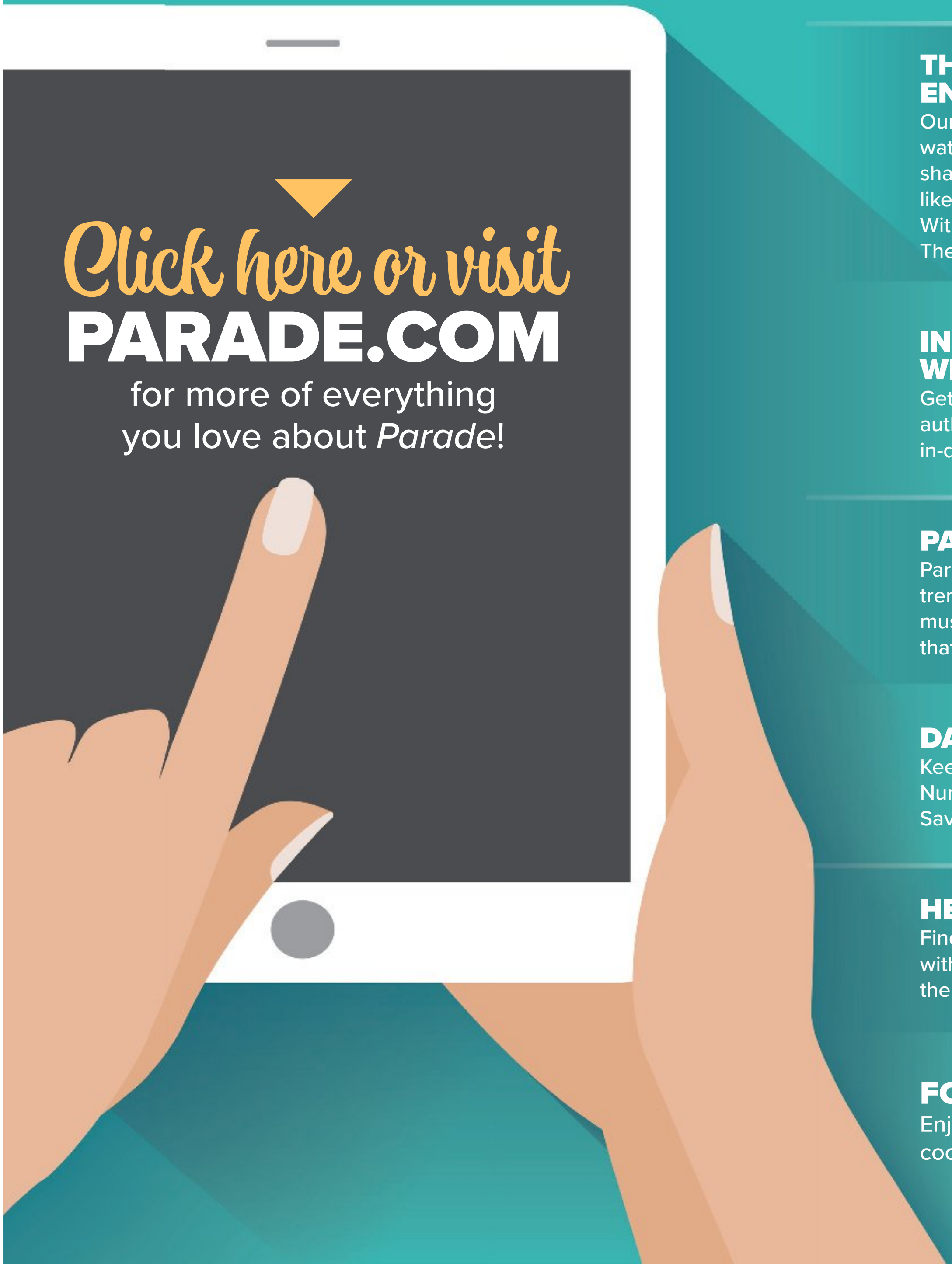

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